

PAPER F

Competences tested:

Paper F assesses whether candidates can apply legal concepts and provisions of the EPC and the PCT. The competences tested in paper F concern declarative knowledge.

Exam setup:

Part	Content	Duration (4h)
Part 1	Procedural requirements and steps in EPC & PCT proceedings	2 h
Part 2	Interpreting the claims and assessing the compliance of the claims & the invention with the EPC; Assessing the compliance of proposed amendments with the EPC	2 h

Paper F may comprise different types of questions, such as:

Multiple Choice

Multi-select

True or False

Drag and drop

Fill-in Answer

Highlight relevant text

Paper F is to be marked by:

Autoscoring only.

Passing requirements:

Candidates obtain a PASS grade in Paper F if awarded a PASS grade in both parts of Paper F in one sitting. The passing threshold can be set between 50% and 75% of the total achievable marks by taking into account that the EQE establishes whether candidates are qualified to practise before the EPO.

Syllabus:

Paper F

The EPC

The Implementing Regulations to the EPC

The Rules relating to Fees

The Guidelines for Examination in the EPO

The PCT

The Regulations under the PCT

The PCT Applicant's Guide

The Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority

The Paris Convention

For more details, see:

Art.1(5)(a) REE,

Rules 6, 21 & 22 IPREE