

PAPER M1

Competences tested:

Paper M1 assesses whether candidates can carry out tasks relating to the analysis and assessment of information and evaluate and act on instructions from a client. It further assesses whether candidates can understand an invention and/or data provided by the client, assess the invention in view of prior art and analyse whether the invention and the application or patent comply with the provisions of the EPC.

Exam setup:

Part	Content	Duration (3h)
Part 1	One or more tasks according to competences listed above	90 min
Part 2	One or more tasks according to competences listed above	90 min

Paper M1 may comprise different types of questions, such as:

Multiple Choice	Multi-select	Tabular	Dropdown	Rating Choice / Rank order
Multi-point Scale Matrix	Drag and drop	Fill-in Answer	Open Questions / Free Text Answers	

Paper M1 is to be marked by:

Autoscoring and/or two committee members for any free text question.

Passing requirements:

Candidates obtain a PASS grade in Paper M1 if they have been awarded a PASS grade in both parts of M1 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 M1

The EPC

The Implementing Regulations to the EPC

The Rules relating to Fees

★ The lists of EPC contracting, extension & validation states, PCT contracting states & states that ratified the UPC

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

★ Code of Conduct for professional representatives

★ Regulation on discipline for professional representatives.

★ new compared to F

For more details, see:
Art.1(5)(b) REE,
Rule 6, 21 & 23 IPREE