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Exam Paper Creation Identifying and Cooperating with Experts

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Process of Professional Patent Attorney Exam

- ❖ The Professional Patent Attorney Qualification Examination Board shall assess the applicants and test their knowledge.
- ❖ The Commission shall be composed of three representatives of the Patent Board of the Republic of Latvia and three representatives from the Association of Patent Attorneys of Latvia.
- ❖ The duties of the Secretary of the Commission shall be performed by a person appointed by the Director of the Patent Office.
- ❖ The Commission shall decide on the applicant's admission to the examination, prepare and approve the examination program and tickets, and accept the examination.



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- ❖ The Commission consists of six members, two of whom specialize in trademarks, two in designs, and two in patents.

Before the exam, the Commission meets to decide who will prepare the tasks for the exam. Preparing two tasks for both the written and oral parts is necessary.

The meeting agenda always consists of the following:

- review of applications from candidates for the Professional Patent Attorney Qualification Exam and decision on their admission;
- setting the date for the professional patent attorney qualification exam;
- Review and approve the exam program.
- other matters.



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The exam questions are created based on specific thematic areas that cover the theoretical and practical aspects of industrial property protection.

The questions are carefully formulated to test the candidate's knowledge and skills. They can include both theoretical questions and practical tasks.



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- ❖ The commission members collaborate in the development of exam questions, providing their knowledge and experience to ensure the quality and relevance of the questions to industry requirements.
- ❖ After the questions are prepared, the respective person sends them to the other commission members for review, providing suggestions and making necessary corrections.
- ❖ Since the exam takes place over two days, on the first day, a practical task – a casus, and on the second day, six tickets are offered, from which one must be drawn.
- ❖ Each ticket contains three theoretical questions corresponding to the candidate's chosen specialization.



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Examples of exercises

❖ Trademarks, Ticket 1

1. Trademark Law: the list of goods/services in the trademark registration application, requirements for its preparation, the legal significance of the list, possible changes during the examination of the application and the validity of the registration, division of the trademark application and registration; permissible amendments to the trademark application and registration.
2. General characteristics of the European Union trademark registration system. The European Union Intellectual Property Office, its functions regarding trademarks.
3. The Paris Convention, the TRIPS Agreement, and the Trademark Law on protecting well-known trademarks.



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❖ **Designs, Ticket 3**

1. Latvian Design Law: prerequisites for the legal protection of a design: novelty (new design), individual design character. Non-protectable objects.
2. Community Designs as objects of property rights.
3. International Registration of Designs: characteristics, essence, peculiarities, advantages, and disadvantages.



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- ❖ in every activity relating to the preparation of the examination tasks, the professional patent attorneys cooperate closely with the experts of the Patent Office.



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Thank you for your attention!
Do not hesitate to ask any questions.

