



*Indian Patent Agent
Training Program*

2013

Program Details

Table of Contents

PATENT AGENT – AN INTRODUCTION	3
<i>Who is a Patent Agent?</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>What are the advantages of becoming a Patent Agent?</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Who can become a Patent Agent?</i>	<i>3</i>
HOW CAN CLOSER2PATENTS HELP YOU BECOME A PATENT AGENT?	5
<i>Training Program Details</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Expert Panel</i>	<i>6</i>
PATENT AGENT EXAMINATION DETAIL	7
<i>Schedule of the examination</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Pattern of the question papers</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>How to apply for the examination</i>	<i>8</i>
CONTACTS US	9

PATENT AGENT – AN INTRODUCTION

WHO IS A PATENT AGENT?

A patent agent is a legal authority entitled to practice before the Controller of Patents of India.

A patent agent plays an instrumental role in the promotion and propagation of Patents and Innovation, by acting as an expert and registered authority entitled by law to practice before the Controller of Patents in India. A patent agent is a person who can guide inventors or patent applicants in respect of the patent law as well as effectively drafting and handling the patents for their inventions.

A patent agent is responsible to prepare all documents, transact all business and discharge other functions in respect of patent matters before the Controller.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF BECOMING A PATENT AGENT?

Among many practical advantages that are bestowed upon a patent agent, following are the few relevant ones:

- a. A patent agent is a respected qualification in the Industry and is absorbed by Reputed Law Firms and Companies for attractive remuneration
- b. A patent agent can represent clients in quasi-judicial hearings in front of Controller of Patents, who shall have the certain powers of a civil court. A patent agent thus shall have the same role and respect as a law officer being a technical expert
- c. A patent agent is considered to be an expert authority on patents and associated subject matters
- d. A patent agent is often provided with constant learning and updates of latest inventions, and provides a satisfying career to a person appreciating science
- e. A patent agent works closely with inventors and can contribute in growth of science and technology
- f. A patent agent can start his independent practice at any point of time as he/she has the necessary qualification and right to do so

WHO CAN BECOME A PATENT AGENT?

Any person who:

- a. is a citizen of India
- b. has completed the age of 21 years
- c. has obtained a degree in science, engineering or technology from any university established under law
- d. has passed the qualifying examination prescribed for the purpose
- e. has paid such fee from time to time as may be prescribed.

is entitled to and may act as a registered Patent Agent of India.

HOW CAN CLOSER2PATENTS HELP YOU BECOME A PATENT AGENT?

TRAINING PROGRAM DETAILS

Our Professional Training Program shall provide an inclusive classroom training to provide a candidate with all the essential ingredients required for clearing the Patent Agent Examination.

The training program shall involve **Study Material, Training by Patent Agents/ Attorneys, Interactive discussions, Q&A sessions, Case Studies** on relevant topics including:

- a. Explanation & Discussion on relevant provisions of the Patents Act, 1970 and Patent Rules, 2003 including:
 - i. Definitions and Interpretations
 - ii. Inventions that are not patentable under Indian Patent Law
 - iii. Types of Patent Applications namely Ordinary Application, Convention application, PCT-International Application, PCT-National Phase Application, Application for Patent of Addition, Divisional Application
 - iv. Procedure for filing a patent application in India as well as Foreign Jurisdictions
 - v. Publication and Examination of Patent Applications
 - vi. Pre-Grant and Post-Grant Opposition
 - vii. Rights conferred by Patents & Suits concerning Infringement
 - viii. Appellate Board
 - ix. Powers of Controller
 - x. Working Of Patents, Compulsory Licenses And Revocation
 - xi. Schedule of Fees & Forms for different procedures under the Indian Patent Law
 - xii. Comparison of Patent Law of Major Jurisdictions
- b. Extensive Training on Patent Drafting including:
 - i. Defining scope of an invention
 - ii. Drafting of complete specification body including abstract, background, summary, detailed description
 - iii. Drafting of patents in different technical domains including Pharmaceutical, Mechanical, Electronics, Chemical, Information Technology
 - iv. Drafting of system and method claims
 - v. Introduction to different types of claims including Markush Claims, Swiss Claims, Jepson Claims, Means-plus-function Claims, Omnibus Claims and their significance
 - vi. Introduction to the concept of doctrine of equivalence and its use in drafting patents
 - vii. Drafting disclaimer embodiments
 - viii. Introduction to the concept of antecedent basis and its use in drafting patents

- ix. Drawings, Labeling of drawings and description of drawings
- c. Flowcharts and timelines for Patent Procedures & Lifecycle
- d. Situational Problem based Case studies
- e. Discussion of Previous years question papers and Solutions
- f. Tips and Tricks to appear for Viva Voce
- g. Mock Examination for Paper 1 & Paper 2

Note:

- The training program shall be designed to provide interactive learning along with a series of quiz based sessions to enhance quick learning
- Mock Viva Voce shall be carried out by an expert panel as a part of the Training Program to familiarize the candidates
- The training program shall be conducted in the month of April 2013 and spread over four days (Consecutive Saturday & Sunday) with 3 full days of Training (20 hours) and 1 day of Mock Examination
- The entire course material and Training Program shall attract a fee of INR 15000 payable in advance

EXPERT PANEL

Our panel of expert comprises of Patent Agents, Attorneys, and Industry Experts with years of experience in handling patent matters in different domains. The expert panel comprises:

Advocate Abhishek Pandurangi, CEO of closer2patents, Advocate & Registered Indian Patent Agent
Mr. Abhishek Sahay, Assistant Director at FICCI, Registered Indian Patent Agent
Advocate Vinay Pandya, Patents & Trade Marks Attorney
Mr. Chirag Tanna, Director of INK IDEE & Registered Indian Patent Agent

PATENT AGENT EXAMINATION DETAIL

SCHEDULE OF THE EXAMINATION

The written examination and the Viva Voce for the Patent Agent Qualification shall be conducted with the following schedule

Subject / Paper	Date / Time	Marks
Written examination		
Paper I – Patents Act and Rules	4 th May 2013 10:30 a.m. To 01:30 p.m.	100
Paper II – Drafting and interpretation of the patent specification and other documents	4 th May 2013 02:30 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.	100
Viva-Voce	5 th May 2013 10:00 a.m. onwards, and may be extended to the following day(s), depending on the number of candidates	50

PATTERN OF THE QUESTION PAPERS

1. Paper – I (Patents Act and Rules) will consist of two parts, i.e. Part A and B

a. Part A will consist of two parts, i.e. part A1 and A2 and all questions will be compulsory.

i. Part A1, of 30 marks, will have 15 multiple choice questions of two marks each. Each question will have a maximum of six choices and a maximum of two correct choices.

ii. Part A2, of 10 marks, will have 10 true / false type questions of one mark each.

b. Part B will consist of 8 subjective type questions and the candidates will be required to attempt any 6 out of the 8 questions.

2. Paper-II (Drafting and interpretation of the patent specification and other documents) will consist of two parts, i.e. Part A and B.

a. Part-A, of 40 marks, will consist of 6 questions of 10 marks each and the candidate will be required to attempt any 4 questions.

The questions will relate to drafting and interpretation of patent specifications and other documents required to be submitted under the Act and Rules.

b. Part-B, of 60 marks, will consist of parts B1 and B2

i. Part B1 will be compulsory and will consist of 1 question relating to drafting of claims and abstract from a given description of an invention.

ii. Part B2 will consist of 2 questions and the candidates will be required to attempt any 1 question. Out of the two questions, one question will relate to general engineering and the other question will relate to field of chemistry/life sciences.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE EXAMINATION

Candidates desirous of applying for the examination may visit the official website www.ipindia.nic.in between 11th February 2013 (11:00 a.m.) and 11th March 2013 (05:00 p.m.) and apply online. Detailed instructions are provided in the website and applications will be required to be filed strictly in accordance with the said instructions. The candidates will be required to feed the details into the online system and take a printout of the application form. The said application form along with the necessary enclosures and examination fee should reach the following address on or before 25th March 2013 (05:00 p.m.):

The Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks

Boudhik Sampada Bhawan, S.M. Road, Antop Hill

Mumbai – 400037

Following enclosures are required to be sent to Patent Office along with the application:

- i. Proof of age (attested by a Gazetted Officer);
- ii. Degree certificate (attested by a Gazetted Officer);
- iii. Proof of Citizenship;
- iv. One Character Certificate in original from a Gazetted Officer;
- v. Two passport size photographs.
- vi. Demand Draft of INR 1000/- (should be dated 1st February or later). Applicant ID and full name of the applicant should be mentioned on the back side of the Demand Draft.

CONTACTS US

For Further details on the Training Program and Enrollment Procedure:

Email us at	info@closer2patents.com
Call us at	India : +91 22 65281005 / +91 9920866540 / +91 9702939111 USA : +1 646 783 02 32
Send post at	FA-27, Lake City Mall-A, Kapurbavdi, Thane(W) 400607, Maharashtra, India.

Please visit our website at www.closer2patents.com.

THANK YOU!