

Amendments to the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules to be brought into Force on 1 May 2017
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Please be informed that amendments to the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001 will be brought into force on 1 May 2017.

New approved courses for patent agent qualification

2 A new post-graduate course offered by the School of Business at the Singapore University of Social Sciences¹ – IP and Innovation Management (specialisation in patent agency) will be recognised as an approved course for the registration as patent agent.

3 Effective from 1 May 2017, individuals who graduate with any one of the following credentials, shall be recognised as fulfilling the training requirements for the registration as patent agent:

- Graduate Diploma in IP and Innovation Management (specialisation in patent agency) by the Singapore University of Social Sciences (***new***)
- Master of IP and Innovation Management (specialisation in patent agency) by Singapore University of Social Sciences (***new***)
- Graduate Certificate in Intellectual Property Law by the National University of Singapore

Patent agent registration requirements for examiners

4 Effective from 1 May 2017, individuals who wish to register as a patent agent based on his/her work as an Examiner in Singapore, must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) At least seven years' of experience in search and examination work in Singapore;
- b) Good performance record;
- c) Completed courses for papers A and C;
- d) Passed QE papers A and C.

5 The Patents (Patent Agents) (Amendment) Rules 2017 have been published in the Government Gazette and may be accessed [here](#).

Enquiries

6 Should you have any enquiries, please direct them to [IPOS PAU@ipos.gov.sg](mailto:IPOS_PAU@ipos.gov.sg).

¹ Formerly known as SIM University (UniSIM).