



**DELTA PATENTS**

Training for Patent Professionals

**EQE PRE-EXAM  
12-DAY PE-  
INTEGRATED**

**LEGAL AND CLAIM ANALYSIS**

**TUITION AND PRACTICE**

# DELTAPATENTS WELCOMES YOU

## Why DeltaPatents?

DeltaPatents is a **patent attorney firm** based in the Netherlands with a passion for quality. We provide the highest quality advice and service to public and private companies at various stages of growth from start-up to Fortune 500. Our patent specialists have a deep technological knowledge and extensive industrial experience. Through our education activities, we stay ahead in terms of law changes, case law and procedural requirements.

We are proud to be a leading training organization for the **European Qualifying Examination (EQE)**. Our renowned courses can be followed throughout Europe. We offer a complete range of courses and high quality training material for the EQE. The knowledge and experience gained during more than 15 years of EQE training provides a solid basis for our comprehensive range of training courses in different areas. We offer **Continuing Education of Patent Attorneys** (e.g. patent law update course, a Unitary Patent course, and various IP master classes) across Europe as well as outside. For **R&D** (R&D managers, researchers, developers, inventors, entrepreneurs, IP management, IP coordinators and tech-transfer officers), we provide targeted IP tutorials and several workshops. These can also be organized in-house at your organization, open to other participants or exclusively in-house.

*“It was a pleasure to study with such a skilled and nice instructor”*

Our **blogs** keep you up-to-date on the EQE, EPO Case law, Patent procedures, Unitary Patent and Patent News.



In 2006 we started **training IP support staff**, culminating in a full training program preparing for the official Dutch Formalities Officers exam. The program includes training modules directed to EPC and PCT formalities. These training modules are offered throughout Europe.

Our training focuses on giving insight and understanding, and ensuring that the acquired knowledge can be practically applied. Unique for DeltaPatents is that we thoroughly train and guide our tutors. For our tutors, training is a profession, mastered by teamwork and frequent involvement in courses. We take feedback of attendants seriously and act on it. For us, quality and customer satisfaction are essential.

## DeltaPatents' personal touch

We believe in teaching and treating candidates with a personal touch. You will be trained in small groups, giving ample opportunity to discuss unclear issues in more detail and get personal assistance. Hospitality is important to us. For participants staying in Eindhoven for courses of multiple days, we organize a social event, such as a dinner or a trip to a local place of interest. We welcome contact (e.g. via e-mail, telephone or video chat) with our tutors to ask follow-up questions, to clarify course materials or to report mistakes.





# EQE PRE-EXAM

## 12-DAY INTEGRATED TRAINING COURSE

### Objective

This intensive 12-day course (in 4 blocks) will bring candidates from a basic level with no or limited legal knowledge to the level required for the EQE Pre-Exam. All legal topics, EPC procedural, EPC substantive and PCT, are covered. This course is modelled around the Pre-Exam Integrated course for Dutch patent attorneys in the Netherlands.

The course covers the legal and claim analysis topics needed for the Pre-Exam. We will give a complete legal overview, using our unique flow-charts. After each block the knowledge just learned will be tested by practicing questions, cases and exams questions. Furthermore, we will show candidates how to answer the questions in the True/False format of the Pre-Exam.

In between the 4 blocks candidates are expected to study and to do homework (questions and cases).

By the end of the course the candidates will be ready for the Pre-Exam.

### Higher pass rate, lower costs

Following this course offers the candidates the opportunity to achieve the level required for the Pre-Examination with significant less training days, course fee and travelling costs.

The pass rates of DeltaPatents' candidates in the past years were very high, varying between 85 and 100%, for Main Exam and Pre-Exam.

### Theory and practice integrated

Legal interactive tutorials will be alternated with practicing what has been learned: candidates will experience from the start how this knowledge can be used in an efficient way in order to pass the Pre-Exam.

### 12-days legal and claim analysis tutorials and practice in 4 blocks

The content of the four blocks are as follows:

- First block: 3 days EPC procedural
- Second block: 3 days EPC procedural
- Third block: 3 days EPC substantive/claim analysis
- Fourth block: 2 days PCT procedural + 1 day guided mock exam

*Candidates can also follow individual blocks instead of all four. Please contact us.*

### Unique Course Concept

During each session of this course legal and claim analysis knowledge will be gained, covering the fundamental subjects of the EQE.

During the course-days tuition will be alternated with sessions in which the candidates will answer questions and cases. A number of these will be in True/False form, reflecting the format of the Pre-Exam. Emphasis will be put on topics and skills that a trainee is expected to be able to recognise and apply after 2 years' experience and comprehensive legal/practical training.



## How is this course different from others?

Since the founding of DeltaPatents, our goal has been to teach, in the most effective way, the legal knowledge of the EPC and PCT, **focussed on passing the EQE** and providing knowledge required for daily practice. Our training is not academic, but exam oriented.

We know and understand the **changes** that have happened **in the EQE** over the last 15 years. **We adapt our training accordingly.** A large delegation of our tutors attends and actively participates in each tutor meeting with the exam committees.

**Our tutors are experienced, practicing European patent attorneys,** fully up-to-date with every aspect of the EPC and PCT, not just the modules which they teach. Each of them teaches many courses a year. Per course we only use a limited number of tutors who are very well acquainted with the entire course.

**Our unique set of summarising sheets** reduce the time required for studying and helps in quickly finding the answers in the EQE.

We have developed an **extensive set of questions and answers** to assist the candidates in further studying the subjects and testing their knowledge. We provide our own model solutions for all questions.

During the training we use **an interactive discussion style and avoid lecturing.** We provide sample studying schedules and welcome contact with the tutor via email, telephone or video chat.

**The training material is constantly updated** and the **effectiveness** of our training has **significantly improved.** We have managed to bring down the time required for this course from 15 days in 2003 for the legal part and 3 days for the claim analysis part to just 12 days (legal and claim analysis integrated) now, while maintaining our benchmark pass rate. This significantly **reduces the costs for attending the course by limiting the lost working hours.** We have also grouped the modules into blocks, reducing travelling overhead and expenditures. Furthermore, this course can be offered on site at several locations in Europe, which also reduces travelling time and costs.

## Course concept

12 training days where the legal training will be integrated with the claim analysis training and practicing exams, cases and questions. In this way the candidates experience from the start of the course that the knowledge learned is needed for sitting the Pre-Exam.

The subjects are explained using a comprehensive set of overhead sheets. The students will be provided with handouts of the sheets.

Key subjects will include novelty, inventive step, priority, unity, the main procedures, time limits, fees, remedies, representation, languages, filing, search, non-unity, examination, divisionals, grant, opposition, appeal, etc. The legal framework encompasses the EPC (including the Guidelines), the PCT, the Paris Convention (PC), and the national law of Contracting States (in as far as is relevant for the EQE). Case Law is limited to only clearly established decisions followed by the EPO, including the most important G decisions.

The claim analysis part builds upon the candidates' theoretical knowledge of novelty, inventive step, amendment etc. It includes basic claiming and amendment practices, as well as elucidation of the problem-solution approach using practical examples. Key subjects include scope of protection, novelty, inventive step, unity, amendments, extension of subject-matter, etc.

Approximately 600 questions have been prepared to guide the students through the subjects and test their absorption of the legal subject. Approximately one-third of these questions will be in a True/False format similar to the Pre-Exam. The students have to prepare answers to 250 of these questions as homework, and hand in their answers. The answers and any unclear subjects will be discussed during the next session.



## Schedule – Contents

### EPC Procedural (2 x 3 = 6 days)

- Pre-examination details
- How to answer legal questions
- Introduction to EPC
- Time periods, remedies
- Right to the patent, inventor, applicant, transfers
- Representation
- Filing, filing date, divisionals
- Languages
- Priority
- Formalities examination
- Search
- Publication
- Fees, in particular renewal fees
- Examination, amendments (procedural),
- Grant or refusal, validation
- Opposition, limitation, revocation
- Appeal, Enlarged Board
- Rights conferred by patent
- National revocation
- Other common provisions

### Exercises

- Questions on EPC subjects
- Practice Legal questions from old Pre-Exams

### EPC Substantive – claim analysis (3 days)

- Patentability, exclusions, industrial application
- State of the art, novelty, inventive step
- Unity, disclosure
- Claim interpretation
- Scope of protection
- Priority
- Amendments, extension of subject-matter

### Exercises

- Questions on EPC substantive subjects
- Practice claims analysis questions from old Pre-Exam

### PCT Procedural (2 days)

- Introduction to PCT
- Time periods, remedies
- Representation
- Right to file, filing, filing date, formalities, priority
- International search, Supplementary international search
- International publication
- International preliminary examination
- National phase, Euro-PCT

### Exercises

- Questions on PCT subjects

### Mock Exam (1 day)

- Complete Pre-Exam as homework paper
- Complete Pre-Exam in session

## Course Highlights

DeltaPatents' flow-charts, with complete overview of all EPC and PCT topics, covering the fundamental subjects of the EQE, such as novelty, inventive step, priority, unity, the main procedures, time limits, renewal fees, remedies, representation, languages, etc. The legal framework encompasses the EPC (including the Guidelines), the PCT (including the Applicant's Guide), the Paris Convention (PC), and the national law of Contracting States (in as far as is relevant for the EQE).

## Training Material

A comprehensive set of high quality, up-to-date Training Material will be provided:



- A complete set of flow-charts, covering all legal topics needed for the Pre-Exam.



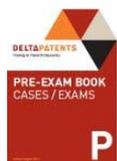
- A binder with overhead sheets covering all legal topics needed for the Pre-Exam.



- A Study Guide with references to the essential reading for each module – the key topics, the relevant articles and rules, EPO Guidelines and PCT Applicant's Guide sections, and OJEPD notices/decisions. It also comprises a list of recommended reference materials and a list of abbreviations to use in your answers.



- Our L-book comprising a set of Questions (with Answers) to practice what you have learned, and the Study Guide mentioned above.



- The papers that will be practiced, with their model solutions.
- Our P-book comprising exams of the past years.



- References to the EPC by Jelle Hoekstra.

The copyrighted course material is provided for the personal use of the participants.

Please bring the books which you intend to use during the exam.

## Course location and dates

For the EQE 2021 the course has been cancelled.

## Course language

All material and tuition will be in English.

## Certificate

A certificate will be given to each candidate who completes the course.

## Attendance limited to 20

A maximum of approximately 20 participants can take part in the course. This limitation will give the tutor the opportunity to discuss unclear issues in more detail and provide personal assistance during the practicing of the cases and the paper.

## Who should attend?

Trainee European Patent Attorneys preparing for the EQE Pre-Exam in 2021. This course will provide a very effective route for obtaining a sufficient level for passing the Pre-Exam.

## When will we confirm?

We need a minimum of 8 participants to definitely confirm.

## Registration and invoicing

The price of the **“12-day Pre-Exam Integrated Training course”** is € **4.710**, exclusive 21% VAT.

Prices include tuition, course materials, refreshments and lunches.

An administrative fee of € 125 is charged for every booking.

If more than one course is booked at the same time, only one administrative fee of € 125 will be charged. Please register online or use the form in this brochure.

## Cancellation policy

Please check our website ([www.deltapatents.com](http://www.deltapatents.com)) for our cancellation policy.



## Training locations

We do not only provide training in our base in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, but many of our training modules are available at several locations in Europe to minimize your travel costs.

## In-house training

All courses can also be given in-house. If required, a module can be tailored to your local organizational needs. Please contact us if you are interested in inviting us to your office.



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## Meet the Tutors

- **Roel van Woudenberg** is tutor for Pre-Exam and Main Exam Paper D courses. He is author of the DeltaPatents' books "Basic Legal Questions", "Main Exam Questions for Paper D" and of the "Pre-Exam book".
- **Diane Tweedlie** is tutor for Pre-Exam, Main Exam Paper D and IP Administrators' courses. She is a European Patent Attorney in the field of Mechanical Engineering.
- **Jelle Hoekstra** is tutor for Pre-Exam, all Main Exam Papers and IP Administrators' courses. He is a European Patent Attorney. Jelle is author of the book "Methodology for Paper C" and of the book "References to the European Patent Convention" ([www.hoekstradoc.nl](http://www.hoekstradoc.nl)).
- **Nico Cordes** is tutor for Pre-Exam and Main Exam Paper C courses, also in German language. He is a European Patent Attorney in the field of Electrical Engineering.



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