

Amendment to Regulation 9 of the Patent Examination Regulations (Amended 2015)

THE PATENT EXAMINATION BOARD

The Patent Examination Board, in terms of section 21 of the Patents Act, 1978 (Act No. 57 of 1978), hereby publishes an amendment to the Patent Examination Regulations 2012. This amendment is effective from the date of publication thereof.

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Patent Examination Board

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THE PATENTS ACT, 1978

AMENDMENT OF REGULATION 9 OF THE PATENT EXAMINATION REGULATIONS, 2012

SUBJECTS FOR EXAMINATION

9. The examination shall be conducted in the following subjects:

GROUP 1

- (a) Legal framework for the protection of intellectual property in South Africa, with a focus on trade marks, copyright, plant breeders' rights and international treaties relevant to patent law
 - one four-hour paper;
- (b) SA patent law and practice
 - one four-hour paper;
- (c) SA design law and practice
 - one four-hour paper; and
- (d) Selected international patent laws, systems, conventions and treaties
 - one four-hour paper.

GROUP 2

- (e) The drafting of patent specifications
 - two four-hour papers;
- (f) Practical legal problems with regard to patents
 - **two three-hour papers;** and
- (g) Patent attorney's practice
 - one four-hour paper.