

Title of the training

Preparatory seminar for papers A and/or B and C of the European Qualifying Examination (EQE) 2026

Public

The training is intended for people taking Papers A and / or B and C of the EQE. To register for this paper with the EPO, candidates must meet the EPO's requirements (see the new EEQ regulations, Supplementary publication 3 – OJ EPO 2024).

Prerequisites

Participation in this non-degree training course does not require any specific prerequisites with regard to the target audience.

Entrance requirements

This is a non-degree training course. Candidates should preferably have attended the CEIPI methodology course for papers A and/or B and C of the EQE or a similar training. Admission upon validation of the application file.

Objectives

Help candidates prepare for papers A and/or B and C of the EQE

Program and schedule (for information purposes)

- **Content for A and/or B :**

The seminar on papers A (drafting of claims and an introduction) and B (reply to an official letter) covers the following topics (see rules 23 and 24 of the IPRE (supplementary publication 2, OJ EPO 2019)):

- Drafting claims and drafting an introduction to the description
- Drafting an appropriately amended set of claims and a letter of reply to the EPO
- The candidates will have the opportunity to apply the strategies and topics discussed by writing both a paper A and B under examination conditions.

Duration : Monday (7h) and Wednesday (2h) for A and Tuesday (6h30) and Wednesday (2h) for B

Date : 27 – 29 (morning) October 2025

Provisional schedule: From Monday 9:00 am to Wednesday 12:15 am

- **Content for C :**

The seminar on paper C (drafting an opposition) covers the following topics (see rule 25 of the IPRE (supplementary publication 2, OJ EPO 2019)):

- Drafting a notice of opposition
- Problem/solution approach, partial problems, priority, inadmissible amendments, prior public use
- Participants will have the opportunity to apply the strategies and topics discussed by writing a paper C under examination conditions.

Duration : Wednesday (4h30), Thursday (7h45) and Friday (5h)

Date : 29 (afternoon)– 31 (afternoon) October 2025

Provisional schedule: From Wednesday 1:30 pm to Friday 3:00 pm

Tutors :

The tutors for these courses are either professional representatives (from private practice and industry) or staff of the departments of first instance of the EPO and of the Boards of Appeal. All have extensive knowledge and practical experience in the procedures before the EPO, be it in examination and opposition, or in appeal before the Boards of Appeal. A detailed list of course tutors and their references will be made available to participants before the start of the course.

Teaching methods

- Presentations and discussions
- Practical exercises and discussion of the answers in the light of the model solutions proposed by CEIPI
- Mock examinations, discussion of the candidates' papers in the light of the examiners' reports and the model solutions suggested by CEIPI
- Work will be done in small groups in order to ensure proper dialogue between participants and tutors. The seminar is offered in the three EPO official languages (English, German, French).

Training material

- Course material and handouts in paper or electronic form
- A- B and C book

Validation

- The training aims at the adaptation and development of skills. Participants can receive an attendance certificate.
An evaluation questionnaire will be sent at the end of the course in order to measure client satisfaction.

Location

Strasbourg

Fee

1900 € for the preparatory seminar parts A,B and C

A reduced package price is offered to candidates enrolling simultaneously for the complete range of CEIPI courses preparing for papers A, B and C of the EQE. However, there is no preferential rate for paper A or B only, respectively.

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