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**PATENTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 221)**

**PATENTS  
(PATENT AGENTS)  
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 104 of the Patents Act, the Minister for Law makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Patents (Patent Agents) (Amendment) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 1 May 2017.

**Deletion and substitution of rule 6**

2. Rule 6 of the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001 (G.N. No. S 645/2001) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

**“Eligibility to apply for registration as patent agent**

6.—(1) Subject to rule 8, an individual is eligible to apply for registration as a patent agent if the individual —

- (a) is resident in Singapore; and
- (b) satisfies all of the requirements in paragraph (2) or (3), whichever is applicable.

(2) Unless the individual applies for registration as a patent agent on the basis that the individual has worked in Singapore as an Examiner, the requirements mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) are that the individual —

- (a) holds a university degree or equivalent qualification approved by the Registrar;

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- (b) has passed a course specified in Part 1 of the Third Schedule;
  - (c) has passed the examination specified in Part 2 of the Third Schedule; and
  - (d) has completed internship in patent agency work under the supervision of a relevant person for —
    - (i) a continuous period of at least 12 months; or
    - (ii) a total period of at least 12 months within a continuous period of 24 months.

(3) Where the individual applies for registration as a patent agent on the basis that the individual has worked in Singapore as an Examiner, the requirements mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) are that the individual —

- (a) has worked in Singapore, on or after 1 June 2013, as an Examiner for a period of at least 7 years in aggregate;
- (b) has obtained a certificate of good performance in Form I issued by the individual's employer in respect of the individual's work as an Examiner during the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (a);
- (c) has passed the course specified in Part 3 of the Third Schedule; and
- (d) has passed the examination specified in Part 4 of the Third Schedule.

(4) In paragraph (2)(d), “relevant person” means —

- (a) a registered patent agent; or
- (b) an individual registered as a patent agent or its equivalent in a country or territory, or by a patent office, specified in the Fourth Schedule.”.