

**SKILLS FRAMEWORK FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES (TSC) REFERENCE DOCUMENT**

<b>TSC Category</b>	Intellectual Property Management					
<b>TSC Title</b>	Intellectual Property Intelligence					
<b>TSC Description</b>	Analyse prior art searches to evaluate intellectual property intelligence					
<b>TSC Proficiency Description</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 5</b>	<b>Level 6</b>
				<b>INP-IPR-4006-1.1</b>	<b>INP-IPR-5006-1.1</b>	
				Conduct prior art searches and evaluate results to identify next steps	Evaluate intellectual property (IP) intelligence to support the organisation's business strategies and IP strategies	
<b>Knowledge</b>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of intellectual property (IP)</li> <li>Qualifying criteria for patentability and patent application processes</li> <li>Components of patent documents</li> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of various search methods</li> <li>Types of databases for prior art searches</li> <li>Rationale for conducting prior art searches</li> <li>Methods to evaluate prior art search results</li> <li>Grounds upon which a patent can be challenged</li> <li>Methods of determining freedom to operate with regard to patents</li> <li>Types of patent infringements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types and importance of IP</li> <li>IP-related processes</li> <li>IP-related legislation and guidelines</li> <li>Methods of acquiring IP intelligence</li> <li>Considerations when evaluating IP intelligence</li> <li>IP intelligence approaches</li> <li>Applications of IP intelligence</li> </ul>	
<b>Abilities</b>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct prior art searches to support the organisation's patent strategies</li> <li>Review descriptions and specifications of related prior art documents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess how IP intelligence can contribute to the organisation's IP and business strategies</li> <li>Review IP intelligence information to determine</li> </ul>	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review prior art to determine relevancy of prior art to the organisation's technology and business strategy</li> <li>• Compare prior art search results with the organisation's inventions</li> <li>• Identify next steps aligned to rationale for conducting and evaluating prior art searches</li> <li>• Recommend review of the organisation's patent strategy in relation to invention spotting</li> </ul>	<p>potential impact to the organisation's IP and business strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop key insights from IP intelligence information</li> <li>• Establish possible solutions to bridge gaps between insights and the organisation's strategies</li> <li>• Incorporate insights from IP intelligence reviews into the organisation's IP practices to support the organisation's IP and business strategies</li> </ul>	
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