

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

TSC Category	Intellectual Property Management					
TSC Title	Patent Office Action and Infringements					
TSC Description	Handle patent written opinions and/or office actions, and infringements and invalidity					
TSC Proficiency Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
					INP-IPR-5014-1.1	INP-IPR-6014-1.1
					Evaluate the patentability of patent applications, draft responses to written opinions and/or office actions, and amend claims and specifications	Assess products and/or processes and prior art to formulate opinions on patent infringements, patent invalidity and/or scope of protection
Knowledge					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types of intellectual property (IP), patents and patentability criteria Organisation's policies and procedures in relation to patents Importance and scope of protection of patents Components of written opinions and/or office actions Considerations when responding to written opinions and/or office actions Consequences associated with improper management of written opinions and/or office actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IP-related legislation and guidelines Impact of prior art on scope of protection Types of patents, objectives of patent management and patent life cycle Structures of written opinions and/or office actions Critical success factors in infringements and invalidity

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<p>Abilities</p>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the merits of the examiners' objections and/or rejections in respect of patent applications • Consider the relevancy of prior art cited • Examine reasons for objection and/or rejection • Identify errors in examiners' objections and/or rejection • Construct arguments and provide supporting evidence to address reasons identified for objection and/or rejection • Revise patents claim scope to distinguish from prior art, and address examiners' objections and/or rejections • Explain examiners' objections and/or rejections and its implications on the patent claim • Justify patent claim amendments to stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate patents to identify scope of protection • Assess areas of potential patent infringement on other organisation's patents • Identify potential situations where there would be infringements to organisation's patents • Evaluate new developments in the market that may potentially infringe on the organisation's patents • Assess prior art to determine grounds for patent invalidity • Determine the extent of patent infringement to formulate opinions • Propose strategies to address patent infringements and invalidity to stakeholders
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