





Log of changes made to the Patents Examination Guidelines in 2021

Date of change	Changes	Mark-up version of the amended sections
<p>26 November 2021</p>	<p>Section 5: Medical or Diagnostic Use Claims: section 5.43 has been revised to reflect the Registry's current practice on examining medical use claims.</p> <p>Section 13: Patent Applications: section 13.90 has been revised to clarify the ways of filing a patent application; and section 13.41 of the Chinese version has been revised to reflect one textual amendment.</p> <p>Section 14: Formality Examination of Patent Applications: section 14.28 has been revised to reflect the Registry's current practice on examining deficiencies regarding formal requirements; and section 14.3 of the English version has been revised to reflect one textual amendment.</p> <p>Section 15: Substantive Examination of Standard Patent (O) Applications and Short-term Patents: section 15.5A has been added to reflect the arrangement whereby an applicant may file a written statement to confirm no pre-grant amendment is required such that substantive examination may commence earlier.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  Section 5 Medical or Diagnostic Use </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  Section 13 Patent Applications.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  Section 14 Formality Examina </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  Section 15 Substantive Exami </div>