PES-System Checklist

Getting Started

- ❐   Review the Course Structure
- ❐   Decide on a Study Plan timeline to follow

Step I - Gain a Solid Understanding of Patent Law

Patent Training Workshop

Watch each video, study each glossary term you are unfamiliar with and attempt every quiz. You should score 70% or above on each quiz, or re-take it until you get a 70% or above.

- ❐ Introduction to Patent Law
- ❐ Module I: Application Types
- ❐ Module II: Application Contents
- ❐ Module III: Application Filing
- ❐ Module IV: International Applications
- ❐ Module V: Examination Basics
- ❐ Module VI: Rejections Not Based on Prior Art
- ❐ Module VII: Novelty Rejections
- ❐ Module VIII: Examination Considerations
- ❐ Module IX: Patent Grant

- ❐ Glossary

Step II - Learn MPEP Details and Structure

Guidebook to Patent Law/Workbook

Read through every outline and answer the Workbook questions. You may use the Guidebooks as you work through the quiz questions. It's not expected you will have everything memorized at this point. You should score 70% or above on each quiz or re-take it until you get a 70% or above.

Section I

- ❐ 100 - Secrecy, Access, National Security and Foreign Filing
- ❐ 200 - Types, Cross-Noting and Status of Application
- ❐ 300 - Ownership and Assignment
- ❐ 400 - Representative of Inventor or Owner
- ❐ 500 - Receipt and Handling of Mail and Papers
- ❐ 600 - Parts, Form and Content of Application
- ❐ 700 - Examination of Applications

Section II

- ❏ 2100 - Patentability
- ❏ App I - Prior Art Rejections
- ❏ App II - 35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections
- ❏ App III - 35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections
- ❏ App IV - Disqualify Prior Art

Section III

- ❏ App V - 35 U.S.C. 112 Specification Requirements
- ❏ 800 - Restriction in Applications Filed Under 35 U.S.C. 111
- ❏ 900 - Prior Art, Classification, Search
- ❏ 1000 – Matters Decided by Various PTO Officials
- ❏ 1100 - Statutory Invention Registration (SIR) and Pre-Grant Publication
- ❏ 1200 - Appeal
- ❏ 1300 - Allowance and Issue
- ❏ 1400 - Correction of Patents
- ❏ 1500 - Design Patents
- ❏ 1600 - Plant Patents
- ❏ 1700 - Miscellaneous
- ❏ 1800 - Patent Cooperation Treaty
- ❏ 1900 - Protest
- ❏ 2000 - Duty of Disclosure

Section IV

- ❏ 2200 - Citation of Prior Art and *Ex Parte* Reexamination
- ❏ 2300 - Interference Proceedings
- ❏ 2400 - Biotechnology
- ❏ 2500 - Maintenance Fees
- ❏ 2600 - Optional *Inter Partes* Reexamination
- ❏ 2700 - Patent Terms and Extensions
- ❏ 2800 - Supplemental Examination
- ❏ 2900 - International Design Applications
- ❏ Updates - New Trials
- ❏ Updates - Derivations
- ❏ Updates - Representation of Others
- ❏ Updates - PPH Program
- ❏ Updates - Claim Construction
- ❏ Updates - New Amendments

Step III - Take Practice Exam Questions

- ❒ Review MPEP Search Strategy Guide
- ❒ Take MPEP Classification Quiz

Answer practice questions. Use the online MPEP + supplements or the Guidebooks for answer lookup. You should score 70% or above on each practice exam or re-take it until you get a 70% or above.

<u>1. Topic-By-Topic Study Sessions</u>

❒ AIA 35 USC 102	❒ Patentability
❒ Pre-AIA 35 USC 102	❒ 35 USC 112
❒ Obviousness	❒ PCT
❒ Overcome Rejections	❒ Claims
❒ Rejections	❒ Claim Writing
❒ Prior Art	❒ Appeals
❒ Reexamination	❒ Application Types
❒ Specification	❒ Application Parts
❒ Oath	❒ Abandonment
❒ RCE	❒ Amendments
❒ Extensions	❒ Mailing
❒ Interviews	❒ Assignments
❒ Certificate Correction	❒ Entity Status
❒ Petition Make Special	❒ Fees
❒ Priority Benefit	❒ Drawings
❒ Reissue	❒ IDS

- ❑ Swearing Back
- ❑ Design Patents
- ❑ Inventorship
- ❑ Allowance
- ❑ Interferences
- ❑ Disclaimers
- ❑ Access
- ❑ PLT
- ❑ Duty to Disclose
- ❑ International Design Applications
- ❑ Subject Matter Eligibility (SME)

- ❑ Restriction
- ❑ Power of Attorney
- ❑ Protest
- ❑ Request Information
- ❑ Reduction to Practice
- ❑ Ethics/Representation
- ❑ Plant Patents
- ❑ Foreign Filing
- ❑ PPH
- ❑ AIA

2. Simulate PTO exam sessions (each session is 3 hours).

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Test 2:_____ (Percentage)

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Test 3:_____ (Percentage)

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Test 4:_____ (Percentage)

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Test 5:_____ (Percentage)

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Test 6:_____ (Percentage)