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Communication from the Examination Board for the European qualifying examination concerning paper F 2025

With regards to the European Qualifying Examination under the regime of the REE and IPREE applicable from 1 January 2025, as decided by the Administrative Council on 14 December 2023 and the Supervisory Board on 26 January 2024, the Examination Board – based on Article 27(3) REE - hereby formally notifies all parties concerned of the following:

- Foundation paper F consists of two parts with 15 questions each.
- The marking is based on an overall scale ranging from 0 to 100 points.
- Paper F comprises different types of questions, as detailed in Rule 22(4) IPREE.
- In accordance with Rule 6(2)a) IPREE all questions of paper F are marked using autoscoring.
- The range of achievable points per question varies from 1-5 depending on the difficulty of the question and the complexity of the answer to be given.
- All statements making up a question must be answered. If one of the statements is left unanswered, then the whole question will be deemed to have not been answered correctly.
- A full mock version with the two parts of paper F is now available:
https://link.epo.org/elearning/EQE_mock_paper_F_EN

Calendars for time limit calculation purposes will not be provided to candidates as part of the examination paper. Candidates are therefore instructed to use their own calendars for the year of the examination and the two previous years and have these calendars in a printed format available during the examination. Candidates are also required to refer to the official notice listing the dates on which the EPO filing offices are closed which is published each year in the Official Journal. Candidates will be able to access the EPO website for this during the exam.

Candidates are further reminded, in accordance with Rule 22 IPREE (OJ 2024, A25), that they are expected to be familiar with the documents listed in Rule 21(1)(a), (b), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), (m) and (o), to the extent expected of a candidate with one year of professional experience. Paper F will not contain topics beyond this legal basis.

For the Examination Board
The Chairman

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