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Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**PATENT EXAMINATION BOARD  
Provisional Examination Timetable**

**June - July 2026**

| <b>DATE</b>  | <b>SUBJECT</b>  | <b>TIME</b>  |
|--|---|--|
| 22 June<br>Monday  | Practical Legal Problems with Regard to Patents (Paper 2)<br>Group 2(f)           | 09h00 - 09h30 (Reading)<br>09h30 – 12h30 (Writing) |
| 23 June<br>Tuesday   | South African Patent Law & Practice<br>Group 1(b)                                 | 09h00 - 13h00                                      |
| 24 June<br>Wednesday   | Drafting of Patent Specifications (Paper 2)<br>Group 2(e)                         | 09h00 - 15h00                                      |
| 25 June<br>Thursday  | South African Design Law & Practice<br>Group 1(c)                                 | 09h00 - 13h00                                      |
| 26 June<br>Friday  | Selected International Patent Laws, Systems, Conventions & Treaties<br>Group 2(d) | 09h00 - 13h00                                      |
| 29 June<br>Monday  | Patent Attorneys' Practice – Written paper<br>Group 2(g)                          | 09h00 - 13h00                                      |
| 30 June<br>Tuesday   | Legal Framework for the Protection of Intellectual Property in SA<br>Group 1(a)   | 9h00 - 13h00                                       |
| 01 July<br>Wednesday   | Drafting of Patent Specifications (Paper 1)<br>Group 2(e)                         | 09h00 - 15h00                                      |
| 03 July<br>Friday  | Practical Legal Problems with Regard to Patents (Paper 1)<br>Group 2(f)           | 09h00 - 10h00 (Reading)<br>10h00 – 14h00 (Writing) |
| (TBC)<br><br><b>Oral Exams will<br/>be held in<br/>Pretoria Only</b> | Patent Attorneys Practice Group 2(g) - Oral                                       | Time slots will be allocated<br>by the Examiner    |

**Gauteng venue** – Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**). Corner Robert Sobukwe and Meintjies street.  
Parking – Meintjies Street (Katanga Entrance).

**Cape Town venue** – Von Seidels, 4 East Park, Central Park on Park Lane, Century City, Cape Town. For directions, refer to Google Maps - GPS: 33°53'14.6"S 18°30'42.9"E

**Durban venue** – Adams & Adams, Suite 2, Level 3, Ridgeside Office Park, 21 Richeford Circle Umhlanga Ridge, Durban, 4320