

Board of Trade,
London, S.W. 1.
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PATENTS.

THE REGISTER OF PATENT AGENTS RULES,
1920. DATED 30TH JANUARY, 1920.

By virtue of the provisions of the Patents and Designs Acts, 1907 and 1919, hereinafter referred to as the Acts, the Board of Trade, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," do hereby make the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Register of Patent Agents Rules, 1920.

2. The Register of Patent Agents hitherto kept by the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents (hereinafter called the Institute), shall continue to be kept by the Institute, subject to the provisions of these Rules and to the Orders of the Board, for the registration of patent agents in pursuance of Section 84 of the Acts.

3. The Register shall contain in one list all patent agents who are registered under the Acts and these Rules.

Such list shall be made out according to the surnames of the registered persons, and shall also contain the full name of each registered person, with his address, the date of registration, his qualification for registration, and a mention of any honours, memberships, or other additions to the name of the registered person which the Council of the Institute may consider worthy of mention in the Register. The Register shall be in the Form 1 in Appendix A., with such variations as may be required.

4. The Institute shall cause a correct copy of the Register, but with the names arranged alphabetically, to be printed under their direction and published and placed on sale. Such correct copy shall be printed and published not later than the end of February in each year. A copy of the Register for the time being purporting to be so printed and published shall be admissible as evidence of all matters stated therein, and the absence of the name of any person from the Register shall be evidence, until the contrary is made to appear, that such person is not registered in pursuance of the Acts or any Act repealed by the Acts.

5. The Council of the Institute shall continue in office or appoint a Registrar, who shall keep the Register in accordance with the provisions of the Acts and these Rules, and, subject thereto, shall act under the directions of the Council of the Institute, or the Board.

6. A person who is desirous of being registered in pursuance of the Acts, on the ground that prior to the 1st day of August, 1917, he had been *bonâ fide* practising as a patent agent in accordance with the provisions of the Acts, shall produce or transmit to the Board before the 1st October, 1920, or where, in the opinion of the Board, the circumstances justify a later application, the 1st October, 1921, a statutory declaration in the Form 2 in Appendix A.; provided that the Board may, in any case in which they shall think fit, require further or other proof that the person had prior to the 1st day of August, 1917, been *bonâ fide* practising as a patent agent as specified. Upon the receipt of such statutory declaration, and, if required, of such further or other proof to their satisfaction, as the case may be, and unless after giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard the Board are satisfied that he has whilst so practising been guilty of such misconduct as would have rendered him liable, if

his name had been on the register, to have his name erased therefrom, the Board shall transmit to the Registrar a certificate that the person therein named is entitled to be registered in pursuance of the Acts, and the Registrar shall on the receipt of such certificate cause the name of such person to be entered in the Register.

For the purpose of exercising in any case the power of placing the name of a person on the Register, the Board may appoint a committee consisting of such persons as they shall think fit, and a report of the committee shall be conclusive as to the facts for the purpose of the exercise of the said power by the Board. The committee may require the attendance before them of the person applying for registration.

7. Subject to the provisions of the Acts in favour of persons who prove to the satisfaction of the Board that prior to the 1st day of August, 1917, they had been *bonâ fide* practising as patent agents, no person shall be entitled to be registered as a patent agent unless he has passed, and produces or transmits to the Registrar a certificate under the seal of the Institute that he has passed, such final examination as the Institute shall from time to time prescribe.

8. The Institute shall hold at least once in every year an intermediate examination and a final qualifying examination, and the Institute shall, subject to these Rules, have the entire management and control of all such examinations, and may from time to time make regulations with respect to all or any of the following matters, that is to say,

(a) The subjects for and the mode of conducting the examination of candidates;

(b) The times and places of the examinations, and the notices to be given of such examinations;

(c) The certificates, if any, to be given to persons of their having passed the examinations;

(d) The appointment and removal of examiners, and the remuneration, by fees or otherwise, of the examiners so appointed; and

(e) Any other matter or thing as to which the Institute may think it necessary to make regulations for the purpose of carrying out this Rule.

9. Any person must, in order to be entitled to present himself for the intermediate examination, be

A British subject who has passed one of the preliminary examinations which the Institute shall by regulation prescribe and has been engaged as a pupil or technical assistant to one or more registered patent agents for three years; provided always that the Institute may by regulation prescribe conditions under which such term of three years may be reduced; provided also that any British subject for the time being entitled to practise as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England or Ireland, or as a law agent before the Court of Session in Scotland, shall be entitled to present himself for the intermediate examination without passing any of the preliminary examinations referred to above and without having been engaged as a pupil or technical assistant to a registered patent agent.

10. Any person must, in order to be entitled to present himself for the final qualifying examination, be