

A British subject who has passed the intermediate examination prescribed by Rule 8 and has been engaged as a pupil or technical assistant to one or more registered patent agents for five years; provided that the Institute may by regulation prescribe conditions under which such term of five years may be reduced; provided also that the Institute in circumstances arising from hostilities between His Majesty and any foreign State may dispense with or modify any of the conditions imposed by this or the preceding Rule; and 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 final qualifying examination if he has passed the intermediate examination referred to in Rule 9.

11. The Registrar shall from time to time insert in the Register any alteration which may come to his knowledge in the name and address of any person registered.

12. The Registrar shall erase from the Register the name of any registered person who is dead.

13. The Registrar may erase from the Register the name of any registered person who has ceased to practise as a patent agent, but not (save as hereinafter provided) without the consent of that person. For the purposes of this Rule the Registrar may send by post to a registered person to his registered address a notice inquiring whether or not he has ceased to practise or has changed his residence, and if the Registrar does not within three months after sending the notice receive an answer thereto from the said person, he may, within fourteen days after the expiration of the three months, send him by post to his registered address another notice referring to the first notice, and stating that no answer has been received by the Registrar; and if the Registrar before the second notice is sent receives the first notice back from the dead letter office of the Postmaster-General, or receives the second notice back from that office, or does not within three months after sending the second notice receive any answer thereto from the said person, that person shall, for the purpose of this Rule, be deemed to have ceased to practise, and his name may be erased accordingly.

14. If any registered person shall not, within one month from the day on which his annual registration fee becomes payable, pay such fee, the Registrar may send to such registered person to his registered address a notice requiring him, on or before a day to be named in the notice, to pay his annual registration fee; and if such registered patent agent shall not within one month from the day named in such notice pay the registration fee so due from him, the Registrar may erase his name from the Register: Provided that the name of a person erased from the Register under this rule may be restored to the Register by direction of the Institute or the Board on payment by such person of the fee or fees due from him, together with such further sum of money, not exceeding an amount the annual registration fee, as the Institute or the Board (as the case may be) may in each particular case direct.

15. In the execution of his duties the

Registrar shall, subject to these Rules, in each case act on such evidence as appears to him sufficient.

16. The Board may order the Registrar to erase from the Register any entry therein which is proved to their satisfaction to have been incorrectly or fraudulently inserted.

17. If any registered person shall be convicted in His Majesty's dominions or elsewhere of an offence which, if committed in England, would be a felony or misdemeanour, or after due inquiry, is proved to the satisfaction of the Board to have been guilty of conduct discreditable to a patent agent, or having been entitled to practise as a Solicitor or Law Agent shall have ceased to be so entitled, the Board may suspend such person from acting as agent in respect of any business under the Acts for such time as to the Board may seem fit or may order the Registrar to erase from the Register the name of such person. Provided that no person shall be adjudged by the Board to have been guilty of conduct discreditable to a patent agent unless such person has received notice of, and had an opportunity of defending himself from, any charge brought against him.

18. Where the Board direct the erasure from the Register of the name of any person, or of any other matter, the name of the person or the matter shall not be again entered in the Register, except by order of the Board. The Board may in any case in which they think fit restore to the Register such name or matter erased therefrom either without fee, or on payment of such fee, not exceeding the registration fee, as the Board may from time to time fix, and the Registrar shall restore the name or matter accordingly.

19. For the purpose of exercising in any case the powers of erasing from and of restoring to the Register the name of a person, or an entry, the Board shall appoint a committee consisting of such persons as they shall think fit. Every application to the Board for the erasure from, or restoration to, the Register of the name of any patent agent shall be referred for hearing and inquiry to the committee, who shall report thereon to the Board, and a report of the committee shall be conclusive as to the facts for the purpose of the exercise of the said powers by the Board.

20. The name of any person erased from the Register at the request or with the consent of such person shall, unless it might, if not so erased, have been erased by order of the Board, be restored to the Register by the Registrar on his application and on payment of such fee, not exceeding the registration fee, as the Institute shall from time to time fix.

21. The Board may from time to time issue orders regulating the professional conduct of persons whose names are on the Register, and may delegate the power of enforcing such orders to the Institute, subject to appeal to the Board. Any orders of the Board under this Rule shall be published in the "Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)."

22. Any person aggrieved by any order, direction, or refusal of the Institute or Registrar may appeal to the Board.

23. A person who intends to appeal to the Board under these Rules (in these Rules referred to as the appellant) shall, within 14 days from the date of the making or giving of the