

Decision of the Administrative Council of 8 June 2000 amending Article 27 of the Regulation on the European qualifying examination for professional representatives

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION,

Having regard to the European Patent Convention, and in particular [Article 134\(8\)\(a\)](#), thereof,

On a proposal from the President of the European Patent Office,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Article 27, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Regulation on the European qualifying examination for professional representatives shall be amended to read as follows:

" (2) Notice of appeal must be filed in writing with the Secretariat within one month of the date of notification of the decision appealed against. Notice of appeal shall not be deemed to have been filed until the fee for appeal specified pursuant to Article 19 has been paid. Within two months of the date of notification of the decision, a written statement setting out the grounds for appeal must be filed."

" (3) If the Board or, in the case of an appeal against a decision of the Secretariat, the Secretariat considers the appeal to be admissible and well-founded, it shall rectify its decision and shall order reimbursement of the fee for appeal. If the appeal is not allowed within two months, it shall be remitted to the Disciplinary Board of Appeal of the EPO. Notwithstanding Article 10(1) of the Regulation on discipline for professional representatives, the Disciplinary Board of Appeal shall decide in a composition consisting of two legally qualified members of the EPO and one professional representative. The Chairman shall be a legally qualified member."

Article 2

(1) This decision shall enter into force on 1 September 2000.

(2) The amended provisions shall apply to appeals against decisions taken after that date.

Done at Limassol, 8 June 2000

For the Administrative Council

The Chairman

Roland GROSSENBACHER