

Patents Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 1) 1999 No. 154

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1999 NO. 154

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Patents Act 1990

Patents Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 1)

The Statutory Rules amend the Patents Regulations (the Regulations) to ensure that persons, who are in certain circumstances, and are seeking to sit examinations conducted by the Professional Standards Board for Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys for the purpose of registration as a patent attorney are not disadvantaged by changed regime introduced in January 1999.

Details of the amendments made by these Statutory Rules are as follows:

Regulation 1 cites the Regulations as the *Patents Amendment Regulations 1999*.

Regulation 2 provides that the Regulations will commence on gazettal.

Regulation 3 incorporates the provisions in Schedule 1 into the *Patent Regulations 1990*.

Schedule 1

Item [1] substitutes a new sub-regulation for existing Sub regulation 20.9(2) that moves topic group E and I to the topic groups that must be passed before a person can attempt topic groups F, G and H.

The item also makes a new Sub regulation 20.9(3) that will ensure that persons, who have passed the subjects mentioned in item 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Schedule 5 of the old Regulations, will be eligible to sit all topic groups E, F, G, H, or I of schedule 5 of the new Regulations.