

Trademark Agent Skills Examination

Test Specifications Summary

CONTENT DOMAIN

Areas The *Trademark Agent Skills Examination* assesses the skills required of Trademark Agents specified in the [*College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents Technical Competencies*](#) document. The table below specifies the percentage of marks by area:

Skills area	% of marks
Registrability	25% (+/-7%)
Strategy	25% (+/-7%)
Prosecution	25% (+/-7%)
Opposition and s. 45 proceedings	25% (+/-7%)

STRUCTURAL VARIABLES

Test-takers have 8 hours to complete the *Trademark Agent Skills Examination*. Test-takers complete the computer-administered examination over 2 days. Items may include both constructed-response questions and performance-based (written) tasks.

Test-takers have 4 hours on one day to complete the first component and 4 hours on a subsequent day to complete the second component. The 2 components are scored together as a single examination.

Format and length The examination uses a limited open-book format, with test-takers receiving electronic access to the *Trademarks Act*, RSC 1985, c T-13 and *Trademarks Regulations*, SOR/2018-227.

Component	Time allotted
Registrability and strategy (75 marks)	4 hours
Prosecution and opposition and s. 45 proceedings (75 marks)	4 hours

Cognitive level

Cognitive level	% of marks
Application or analysis	80% (+/-10%)
Evaluation or creation	20% (+/-10%)

No items aim to test at the lowest order cognitive levels of "remembering or understanding."

CONTEXTUAL VARIABLES

Client context	Trademark agents serve a range of diverse clients. The examination, to the extent that it refers to clients, aims to respect and represent the diversity of client contexts.
Practice context	Trademark agents practise in a range of practice contexts. The examination, to the extent it must specify practice context for clarity, aims to respect and represent the diversity of such contexts.
Domain context	Trademark agents practise in a range of areas. The examination does not require advance knowledge of any specific underlying technology, discipline, or industry. Such knowledge, if required, is provided.

Note: This document is intended for general exam preparation.