

## Pre-Application Assessment Pilot Program

### Introduction

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**Thank you for taking a course through the Pre-Application Assessment Pilot Program. In an effort to improve our training courses, please complete this short 5-minute survey. Your voluntary response is confidential and data will be analyzed in aggregated form only.**

**For questions regarding the purpose of the survey, contact SETD@uspto.gov. If you encounter any problems with the survey instrument, contact Michael Easdale (michael.easdale@uspto.gov).**

**Thank you in advance for your honest feedback in this important survey.**

**Click 'Next' below to begin.**

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### Training Sections

1. When thinking about the course content and presentations for the main topics; Introduction to Patents and Conducting a U.S. Patent Search, please rate the sequence of the lessons in terms of being difficult or easy to follow.

	Very difficult to follow	Somewhat difficult to follow	Somewhat easy and logical to follow	Very easy and logical to follow
Introduction to Patents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducting a U.S. Patent Search	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. When thinking about the course content and presentations for the main topics, Introduction to Patents and Conducting a U.S. Patent Search, how relevant were the training materials to your situation?

	Not at all relevant	Somewhat relevant	Reasonably relevant	Very relevant
Introduction to Patents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducting a U.S. Patent Search	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3. Please rate the adequacy of the time devoted to each main topic in the group sessions?

	Too little	Just right	Too much
Introduction to Patents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducting a U.S. Patent Search	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Legal counsel Options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
First time Filers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding time spent working one-on-one with a USPTO Trainer. (Please remember, representatives do not provide legal advice nor official ruling of patentability.)

	Disagree strongly	Disagree somewhat	Agree somewhat	Agree strongly	N/A (did not participate in a 1 on 1 breakout)
I was provided with enough information to conduct a preliminary patent search for my invention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I received enough practice and feedback that applied to my situation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I had enough time to cover my questions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am better able to apply the course knowledge and skills based on the time spent with a representative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Please rate the overall effectiveness of the one-on-one breakout sessions.

- ☐ Not at all effective    ☐ Somewhat effective    ☐ Reasonably effective    ☐ Very effective
- ☐ N/A (did not participate in a 1 on 1 breakout)

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### Overall Course

6. How well do you feel you understand the knowledge and concepts taught in the course?

- ☐ I have little understanding, with some confusion and/or blind spots. ☐ I have a basic familiarity  
☐ I have a solid understanding ☐ I have a comprehensive understanding

7. Please rate your confidence level in using the knowledge and skills gained from this course to assess your invention using public search tools.

- ☐ Not confident at all ☐ Somewhat confident ☐ Reasonably confident ☐ Very confident

8. Based on this learning experience, my next steps after this course may be (check all that apply):

- ☐ Contact the Patent Pro Bono program for support  
☐ Contact a law school clinic  
☐ Contact a licensed patent attorney or agent  
☐ Rework my invention  
☐ Continue searching for prior art  
☐ Sign up for additional USPTO training courses  
☐ I plan to submit a patent application  
☐ I do not plan on submitting a patent application  
☐ Other (please specify)

9. Please rate your overall satisfaction with the course:

- ☐ Very dissatisfied ☐ Dissatisfied ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied ☐ Satisfied  
☐ Very satisfied

\* 10. How likely will you be to recommend this course to someone else?

- ☐ Would not recommend ☐ Recommend if substantive changes made ☐ Likely to recommend  
☐ Recommend with no hesitation

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### Changes Needed

11. What changes would you recommend to improve the course?



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### Conclusion

12. What other topics would you like to see be made available through the Stakeholder Education and Training Division?

13. Please provide any additional comments you might have concerning the Pre-Application Assessment Pilot Program course.

**Thank you for taking the Pre-Application Assessment Pilot Program course and completing our survey. Your responses will help us to evaluate and, if necessary, improve the course.**

**Clicking 'Done' below will submit your answers, close the survey window, and redirect you to the external USPTO website.**

**When you are satisfied that your responses are complete, click 'Done'.**