

Professional Development Program



The WIPO Academy's Professional Development Program (PDP) is the unique provider of specialized intellectual property (IP) training courses for government officials from developing countries, least developed countries and countries in transition.

PDP courses are organized jointly with partner institutions and designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of participating officials.

Topics covered

The PDP training course topics and content are regularly reviewed and revised to ensure their relevance.

These topics include:

- Copyright and related rights
- Collective management
- Trademark procedures
- Geographical indications
- Patent search and examination
- Commercialization of IP assets
- IP office management
- Application of management techniques in the delivery of IP services
- IP, technology transfer and licensing
- Innovation policy

In designing its specialized courses, the WIPO Academy takes into consideration the needs of developing countries, least developed countries and countries in transition.

Learning outcomes

Participants will acquire new skills and knowledge on issues and challenges specific to their respective IP domains and become familiarized with best practices in the field.

Participant profile

Government officials from IP Offices and from other Ministries whose functions require knowledge of IP are the main beneficiaries of PDP courses. The Director General of the IP Office or a senior official of the relevant Ministry must endorse online applications before

a candidate could be considered for the course.

Application procedure

Candidates for the PDP training courses should have completed or be prepared to complete the required Distance Learning course designated for each IP training course.

If you are a government official and are interested in the PDP training courses, please consult the course catalogue for the available courses which you can register for online at welc.wipo.int. Only applications submitted online will be considered.

Certificate

A certificate is awarded to the participants at the end of each training program, signed jointly by WIPO and the partner institution.

Evaluation

Participants are required to evaluate the relevance of the course through a questionnaire prepared by WIPO or the partner institution. Follow-up evaluation surveys are sent to participants and their supervisors 12 months after the course to assess its impact on the participants' performance.

For more information:

www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/professional_training/

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