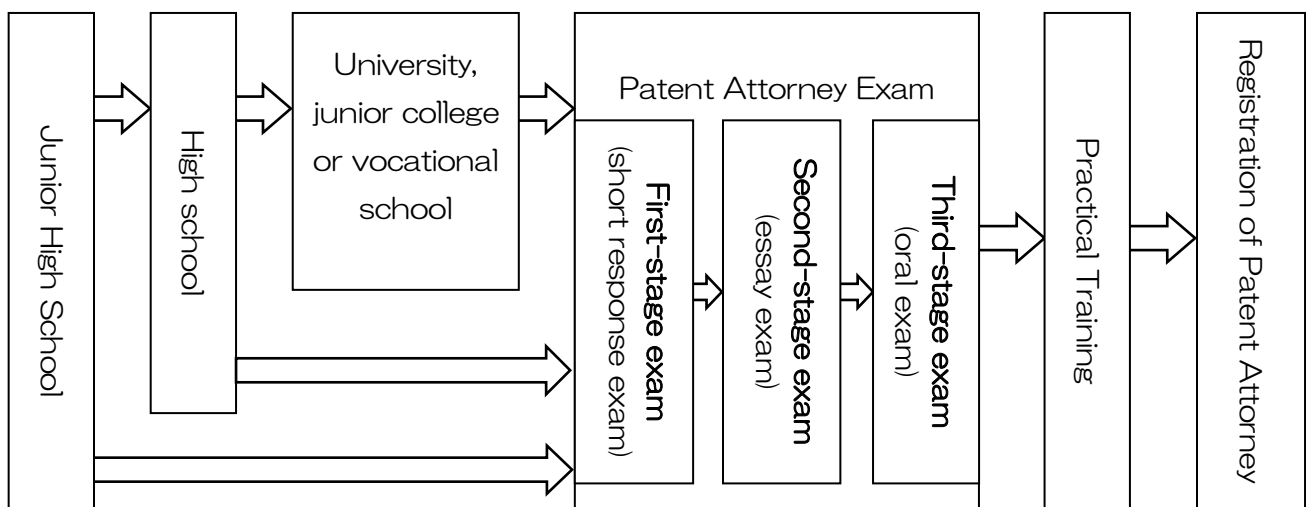


18 Patent Attorney

A patent attorney uses their specialized knowledge to register an inventor's patent, utility model, design or trademark with the Patent Office. The patent attorney works as a representative of the client from the application stage to registration and carries out any other procedures until the right is expired.

Amid the increasing globalization of the economy, issues with intellectual property patents are becoming more widespread. Therefore there is an increasing demand for patent attorneys who can understand foreign languages.

Becoming a patent attorney:



Prepare now:

The Patent Attorney Exam is very difficult. It is necessary to familiarize yourself with your studies at school as soon as you can. Scientific knowledge related to patents is necessary. In addition, a high level of legal knowledge is also required.

Job prospects:

Possible places of employment include patent offices or a patent section of a company. It is also possible to start your own business. The average annual income is 5 million yen or more depending on the workplace.

Tuition:

Studying at a public university can cost upwards of 2.4 million yen for 4 years or upwards of 4 million yen at a private university for 4 years. To study at a junior college for 2 years, the tuition fee is 1.8 million or more.