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1. registered as a patent agent in Singapore after having passed the Singapore qualifying examinations or their equivalent in another country (e.g. Australia, New Zealand, UK, Europe);
2. have a technical qualification and/or experience suitable for the technology of the invention; and
3. have sufficient experience in the technology of the invention, and prosecuting patent applications in that technology to the successful grant of patents.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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