*Designs Examination*

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| Core Quality Standards |
| Examination (incl. Search):  * Effective search strategies are adopted that target and cover the prior art field.   Relevant prior art is extracted and appropriately recorded and provides a reasonable level of confidence of what is the state of the prior art field.  Effective use is made of search results including submissions and/or previous examinations. Decision Making: Valid grounds for revocation are raised. Invalid grounds for revocation are not raised or maintained.  Amendment requests are assessed and applied correctly. Administration and Reporting:  * Case file contains correct and necessary details including reasoning for decisions made. * Report is written in a professional manner, contains necessary details and clearly sets out grounds for revocation with sound reasoning. |

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| Excellence Guideline (standards) |
| Examination (incl. Search): The search strategy is targeted in a highly effective and efficient manner, and would provide a high level of confidence that it has retrieved the most relevant prior art. Decision Making: Where appropriate the case file includes a well-reasoned section 19 assessment. Administration and Reporting:  * The key issues relating to the grounds for revocation have been identified by the examiner and their report has focussed on these and avoided unnecessary discussion of matters that do not impact this determination. * The examiner has provided additional information that is likely to assist the customer and has been included in a way to allow the reader to understand its significance. |