



## FAQs (Patents)

### What will the interview process entail for trainee patent attorneys?

Our annual trainee recruitment cycle takes place between June and December each year, with a start date of the following autumn. Our application process is comprised of the following stages:

- Submission of a brief online application form and CV.
- Completion of short pre-recorded video interview, including motivational, strengths-based and technical questions.
- First stage interview, where you will typically meet with a partner and senior associate from the relevant practice area. You'll also have the opportunity to have an informal conversation with some of our current trainees. There will be some pre-interview exercises, and you will be asked to provide a sample of your technical written work. Depending on the practice area you have applied to, there may also be some practical exercises to complete on the day of your interview.
- Final interview, where you will meet all partners from the relevant practice group.


### Can I apply for a trainee vacancy if I require a work permit?

We possess a Tier 2 sponsor license and will treat all applications on an individual basis

### Can I get up-to-date information about careers and upcoming opportunities at Carpmaels & Ransford?

Alongside our website, we regularly update our Twitter and LinkedIn accounts with information regarding our newest positions, open days and internships.

For regular updates about our careers opportunities, please follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter:

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### What will the training entail for trainee patent attorneys?

- In-house, comprehensive trainee tutorial programme (over the first six months of employment) to give our trainees a thorough grounding in the key essentials
- Queen Mary University: Certificate in Intellectual Property Law
- In-house, comprehensive intermediate tutorial programme
- Pre-EQE exam (includes in-house study group for exam preparation)
- UK Finals (external training and in-house study group for exam preparation)
- EQE Finals (in-house study group for exam preparation)
- Advocacy training (after qualification)

### Useful sources

- IP Careers: <http://ipcareers.co.uk/>
- CIPA: <http://www.cipa.org.uk/>
- EPO: <https://www.epo.org/index.html>

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