We usually encourage trainee patent attorneys to start with us in the autumn, in a recognised peer group, though we are very flexible about start dates. We encourage applications before the end of the calendar year for candidates who wish to start the following autumn. We will, however, consider applications from exceptional candidates at any time of the year.

**1 YEAR (Sept - Aug)**

**Qualification:** Queen Mary Certificate in IP
- **Course begins:** September yr 2
- **Exams:** January yr 2

Exempted from GB Foundation Certificate examinations. Entitled to call yourself part-qualified

**2 YEAR**

**Qualification:** European Qualifying Examination (EQE) Pre-Examination
- **Internal tutorials start:** Autumn yr 3
- **Exams:** March yr 3

Entitled to move on and take EQE finals

**3 YEAR**

**Qualification:** European Qualifying Examinations (EQE) Finals
- **Internal tutorials start:** Autumn yr 4
- **Exams:** March yr 4

Entitled to call yourself ‘European Patent Attorney’

**4 YEAR**

**Qualification:** GB Final Diploma
- **Internal tutorials start:** Summer yr 5
- **Exams:** Autumn yr 5

Entitled to call yourself ‘Registered Patent Attorney’ and ‘Chartered Patent Attorney’

**5 YEAR**

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