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# Application for entry onto the Patent Attorney or Trade Mark Attorney Register under Chapter 3, Paragraph 1.4 of IPReg’s Core Regulatory Framework

# Personal Details\*

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| **Title** |  |
| **Name (Surname, First name(s)** |  |
| **Nationality** |  |
| **Passport Number** |  |
| **Contact address** |  |
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| **Telephone number** |  |

# Details of current jurisdiction(s)\*

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| **Professional title in current jurisdiction(s)** |  |
| **Other professional titles held** |  |
| **Date qualified as Intellectual Property Attorney (or equivalent)** |  |
| **Registration number(s)** |  |
| **Are you currently entitled to practise as a member of the profession(s) detailed above?**  **If ‘no’, provide details** |  |

# Practising rights in current jurisdictions

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| **Do your qualifications allow you to exercise rights in your current jurisdiction that are reserved to individuals holding your qualifications? For example, advocacy before a Court / Tribunal, administering oaths, conducting litigation. If yes, please provide details** |  |

# Professional examinations passed and courses attended\*

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| **Institution** | **Qualification** | **Start date** | **End date** |
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# Degrees and Diplomas\*

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# Professional employment history

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| **Employer** | **Job title** | **Start date** | **End date** |
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# Route to Qualification and Registration

Please outline the route taken to qualifying and becoming a registered or recognised attorney (or equivalent) in the jurisdiction on which you are basing your application. You should include, with reference to dates, all required assessments undertaken, any supervised experience gained

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# Character and suitability\*

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|  | **Yes** | **No** |
| Have you ever been committed to prison in civil or criminal proceedings? |  |  |
| Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence in any court or received a caution, reprimand or warning in the UK or elsewhere |  |  |
| Have you ever committed an act of plagiarism or cheating in any form of professional or university assessment? |  |  |
| Have you ever had a County Court Judgement or a High Court judgement for civil fraud placed against you? |  |  |
| Have you ever been censured, suspended or the subject of any other disciplinary activity by a professional or regulatory body or are you currently under investigation by such a body? |  |  |
| Are you an undischarged bankrupt? |  |  |
| Are there any other factors which may call into question your [character and suitability](https://ipreg.org.uk/pro/new-regulatory-arrangements/guidance/character-and-suitability) to become a patent attorney or trade mark attorney? |  |  |

**If you have answered “Yes” to any of the questions above, please provide a full statement of events and any supporting documentation.**

# Knowledge and Experience

Please identify the extent of your knowledge and experience of the following. Knowledge and experience can derive from: examination of a subject in your own jurisdiction as part of the route to qualification; matters covered in continuing professional development you have undertaken or matters you have covered in your professional practice.

# Section A – to be completed by all applicants

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| Knowledge and understanding of the UK Legal System (e.g. Classifications of law, Court structure, Sources of law, Precedent, Statutory interpretation, The European Union, Contract, Property – real and personal, Tort, Equity, Civil procedure & Evidence) |  |
| Knowledge and understanding of UK & EU designs law and the law of copyright as it applies in the industrial sphere. |  |

# Section B (to be completed by applicants applying for entry on to the Register of Patent Attorneys)

Please identify the extent of your knowledge and experience of the following. Knowledge and experience can derive from: examination of a subject in your own jurisdiction as part of the route to qualification; matters covered in continuing professional development you have undertaken or matters you have covered in your professional practice.

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| Knowledge and understanding of:   * UK Patent Law * the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the European Patent Convention (EPC) * the Unified Patent Court agreement * the Paris Convention * the World Trade Organisation   as applied to patents |  |
| Advising on patent infringement and validity issues |  |
| Knowledge and understanding of UK & EU trade mark law and the law of passing off |  |

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| **Are you a qualified European Patent Attorney?** | **Yes** | **No** |

If “Yes” please complete the following

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| Date qualified as a European Patent Attorney |  |
| Registration number |  |

If you are **NOT** qualified as a European patent attorney please identify the extent of your knowledge and experience of the following. Knowledge and experience can derive from: examination of a subject in your own jurisdiction as part of the route to qualification; matters covered in continuing professional development you have undertaken or matters you have covered in your professional practice.

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| Preparation of patent specifications and patent claims for use in the United Kingdom |  |
| Preparation of amendments of UK patent applications and providing arguments to sustain such amendments |  |

**Section C (to be completed by applicants applying for entry on to the Register of Trade Mark Attorneys)**

Please identify the extent of your knowledge and experience of the following. Knowledge and experience can derive from: examination of a subject in your own jurisdiction as part of the route to qualification; matters covered in continuing professional development you have undertaken or matters you have covered in your professional practice:

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| Knowledge and understanding of UK registered trade mark and design law |  |
| Knowledge and understanding of the European Union trade mark system and registered Community designs |  |
| Knowledge and understanding of the international agreements relating to trade marks and designs |  |
| Knowledge and understanding of the law relating to unregistered trade mark rights, namely passing off, and UK unregistered design law |  |
| Handling contentious matters including litigation and tribunal practice, procedure and advocacy in the UK relating to Trade Marks and designs |  |

# Applicant’s Declaration

I confirm that I am the individual named on this application.

I confirm that the information in this application and in all supporting information is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that IPReg may refuse my application and refuse any future application for registration if I give any false or misleading information, or if I fail to disclose any material information.

I have read IPReg’s [Core Regulatory Framework](https://ipreg.org.uk/sites/default/files/Core%20Regulatory%20Framework_0.pdf) and agree to be bound by all of IPReg’s regulatory arrangements.

I have read IPReg’s [Character and Suitability Guidance](https://ipreg.org.uk/pro/new-regulatory-arrangements/guidance/character-and-suitability) and have declared any relevant matters of which IPReg should be aware.

I agree to notify IPReg of any other information relevant to my application and inform IPReg immediately of any changes in the information provided which occurs between now and the date of any decision.

I understand that IPReg will make such enquires and seek such further information as it thinks appropriate in the course of verifying information about me.

I have read IPReg’s [**Privacy Notice**](https://ipreg.org.uk/public/about-us/legal-notices/privacy-notice/) that describes how my personal information is collected and used

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| **Applicant’s name** |  |
| **Applicant’s signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

# Supporting information required

**Applications will not be considered complete unless the following information is provided. Incomplete applications may be considered withdrawn if the information is not provided within 3 months of the date of the application.**

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| Copy of passport or other photo ID, witnessed by a notary or legal practitioner |  | |
| Evidence of good standing and right to practise in current jurisdiction |  | |
| Evidence of professional examinations |  | |
| Evidence of degrees / diplomas obtained |  | |
| Full statement in relation to Character and Suitability, where applicable |  | N/A |