

# Intellectual Property Pathway Paralegal Apprenticeship



The IP landscape is evolving rapidly. Your team needs professionals who can keep pace.

Whether you're a specialist IP practice, a dedicated IP department or an in-house IP team, this pathway delivers:

- Specialist knowledge that generic paralegal training cannot match
- Practical skills developed through real-world scenarios and expert coaching
- Cost-effective talent development through the levy and government funding
- Flexible learning that works around your team's needs.

## Curriculum designed for real-world success

Our IP pathway delivers specialist knowledge across the full spectrum of intellectual property law and practice:

- Core foundations: IP fundamentals, regulatory bodies, ownership rights, confidentiality, and the paralegal role in private practice vs in-house settings
- Patents: UK and European Patent (EP) filing, prosecution, and renewals; Unitary Patent/UPC system; PCT international applications and national phase entries
- Designs: UK and Hague international design systems, including unregistered rights and post-Brexit EU considerations
- Trademarks: UK filing and prosecution; Madrid Protocol for international registrations
- Enforcement and other IP: Patent, trademark, and design oppositions, appeals, and infringement; litigation procedures; trade secrets, copyright, and domain names.

Delivered over 24 weeks, the pathway has been expertly designed to maximise the application of knowledge to the workplace. It includes specialist IP workshops led by IP practitioners cover emerging topics, complex procedures and real-world scenarios, as well as interactive learning that brings IP law to life through case studies, activities and video content.

## A paralegal programme that delivers results

The pathway is incorporated within our industry-leading paralegal apprenticeship programme:

- One-to-one coaching: Face-to-face online coaching visits with a specialist legal coach to provide individual support
- Group coaching: Regular sessions to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and preparation for individual learning activity
- Review visits: Online visits with the apprentice, line manager and coach to monitor progress and identify areas for further development
- O Shaped resources: The only paralegal apprenticeship which incorporates O Shaped content, designed to create more well- rounded, client-led legal professionals.

### DURATION AND LEVEL

18 months  
Level 3

### ELIGIBILITY

Most new or existing employees of all ages in England are eligible, provided there is a sufficient skills gap.

### FUNDING

- Apprenticeship Levy payers: Training is funded via your levy pot
- Non-levy payers: Training costs for apprentices up to age 25 are 100% funded; for apprentices 25+, you contribute just 5% of the training cost
- Financial incentives may be available.

Get in touch to find out more about how this apprenticeship could work for your organisation.

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