

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) Advice

1. **The Intellectual Property Office (IPO)** - the official government body responsible for intellectual property rights in the UK.

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office>

Intellectual property clinics:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/intellectual-property-clinics>

Events organised by the IPO which have an intellectual property or business focus:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ipo-events-calendar>

2. **The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys (CIPA)**

For more information: [Why Should I Protect My Ideas? - CIPA](#)

The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys holds regular Clinics at a number of sites around the UK to provide free basic advice to unrepresented innovators who are at the early stages of developing an idea. The Clinics are all given by a Registered Patent Attorney.

<https://www.cipa.org.uk/ip-clinics/>

Events organised by the CIPA:

<https://www.cipa.org.uk/events/>

3. **The Chartered Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (CITMA)** - a professional membership organisation with the power to shape law and practice – nationally and internationally.

For more information: <https://www.citma.org.uk/>

The CITMA run free trade mark advice clinics every month in London:

<https://www.citma.org.uk/trade-marks-ip/need-advice/free-advice-clinics.html>

Events organised by the CITMA:

<https://www.citma.org.uk/events.html>

4. **The British Library – Business and IP Centre**

For more information: <https://www.bl.uk/business-and-ip-centre#>

The British Library offers a wide range of free or low-cost workshops and events:

<https://www.bl.uk/business-and-ip-centre/workshops-and-events>

5. **Institute of Professional Representatives before the European Patent Office (EPI)** - the professional body representing all European Patent Attorneys.

For more information: <https://patentepi.com/en/>

6. **Search for Professional Representatives before the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) that governs European Union Trade Marks and Registered Designs:** <https://euipo.europa.eu/eSearch/>

THE PATENT BOX

The Patent Box enables companies to apply a lower rate of Corporation Tax to profits earned after 1 April 2013 from its patented inventions.

For more information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/corporation-tax-the-patent-box>