



EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
COUR EUROPÉENNE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDY VISIT AT THE COURT

As an adjunct to [Rule No. 1345 of 23 April 2012 on traineeships and study visits in the Council of Europe Secretariat](#), there is a need to specify the conditions and detailed arrangements governing study visits at the Court (traineeships outside the framework of the official Council of Europe scheme), which are aimed at:

- national lawyers seeking to acquire professional experience with the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights;
- persons who are following a course of advanced vocational training organised by a non-profit-making organisation (such as a public institute or organisation);
- persons who have attended university or an equivalent institution and have successfully completed at least the first year of a Master's degree in Law and who wish to familiarise themselves with the Court's legal activity;
- persons who are required to complete a traineeship as part of their training, and in particular:
  - students who must complete a traineeship as part of their course at a university or equivalent educational establishment (first year of Master's degree);
  - pupils or students studying for a vocational qualification in technical fields such as secretarial assistance, communication, media studies and archiving;
  - persons seeking to carry out bibliographical research into their research topic in the Court's library.

The duration of study visits ranges from a minimum of three weeks to a maximum of eight weeks. However, the duration may be changed on the basis of an agreement between the Court and the institution or establishment which is sending the study visitor.

For bibliographical research in the Court's library, the duration may not exceed one month.

In order to allow as many candidates as possible to take advantage of the opportunity of a traineeship at the Council of Europe, no person may undertake more than one traineeship or study visit within the Organisation, regardless of its duration.

### How to apply

Persons wishing to apply for a study visit may send their application via form directly to the Court. It will then be forwarded to the Division concerned for consideration.