





What is an invention? What is a patent? What is a patentable invention?

For a valid Patent to be obtained, an invention must be:

Under UK and European

1. New
2. Inventive
3. Capable of industrial application
4. Not excluded by law
5. Not contrary to public policy or morality
6. Not a discovery, scientific principle, mathematical method, computer program, business method, or information

7. Not a mental act, a game, a sports activity, or a method of teaching
8. Not a presentation of information
9. Not a computer program (but see below)
10. Not a method of medical treatment (but see below)
11. Not a method of surgery
12. Not a method of diagnosis
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UK Patent Application Process

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Preparation and filing of a full UK patent application with a request for search – Approximately £2000 to £3000 (excluding VAT).*



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INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Filing of a PCT application based on an existing UK Patent Application filed 12 months before – Approximately £3500 to £6000 (excluding VAT), depending on whether modifications to UK Patent Application Specification are required.



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