





## What is an invention? 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 from patentability  
5. Not contrary to public policy or morality  
6. Not a discovery, scientific principle, mathematical method, computer program, aesthetic creation, or mental activity

7. Not a method of treatment or diagnosis  
8. Not a method of agriculture or horticulture  
9. Not a method of playing a game, sport, or pastime  
10. Not a method of teaching  
11. Not a method of performing mental operations  
12. Not a method of performing operations on data  
13. Not a method of performing operations on information  
14. Not a method of performing operations on signals  
15. Not a method of performing operations on images  
16. Not a method of performing operations on sound  
17. Not a method of performing operations on video  
18. Not a method of performing operations on text  
19. Not a method of performing operations on graphics  
20. Not a method of performing operations on audio  
21. Not a method of performing operations on video  
22. Not a method of performing operations on text  
23. Not a method of performing operations on graphics  
24. Not a method of performing operations on audio  
25. Not a method of performing operations on video

26. Not a method of performing operations on data  
27. Not a method of performing operations on information  
28. Not a method of performing operations on signals  
29. Not a method of performing operations on images  
30. Not a method of performing operations on sound  
31. Not a method of performing operations on video  
32. Not a method of performing operations on text  
33. Not a method of performing operations on graphics  
34. Not a method of performing operations on audio  
35. Not a method of performing operations on video



# A PATENT IS A TERRITORIAL RIGHT AND MAY ONLY BE ENFORCED FOR ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH IT IS GRANTED

UK Patent Application Process

## UK PATENT APPLICATION PROCESS

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



\*UK Patent Application Process

## 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.



\*\*UK Patent Application Process