

ACQUIRING A PATENT

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How do you apply for a Patent?

Anyone who has an invention can apply for a patent. Joint inventors may jointly apply.

One has to apply to the Registrar of Marks, patents and designs. The application shall contain:

- A request - petition that the patent be granted, name and information of the applicant, the inventor and the agent, if any, and the title of the invention;
- A description of the invention;
- One or more claims defining the matter for which protection is sought;
- Drawings referred to in either the claims or description;
- An abstract in the prescribed form;

All these must be accompanied by the prescribed fee for the application.

At any date before the granting of the patent, the applicant can withdraw the application or amend it. If you amend you are not allowed to include any material matter which is not disclosed in the initial application filed.

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