



Intellectual property in Canada

	Patent	Trade secret	Industrial design	Trademark	Copyright
COVERAGE	New, useful and non-obvious invention	Invention, business information	Visual features of a product	Source of goods or services	Original literary, artistic, musical or dramatic work
SCOPE (EXAMPLES)	Product, process, machine, chemical composition, use	Business method, invention, recipe, manufacturing process	Shape, configuration, pattern or ornament, or any combination of these features	Word, design, taste, texture, moving image, mode of packaging, hologram, sound, scent, 3-dimensional shape or colour, or a combination of these features	Software, sound recording, photograph, painting, web content, communication signal
RIGHTS	Exclude others from using, making or selling your invention	No formal rights (contractual obligations)	Exclude others from making, using, selling or importing something that uses your design	Prevent others from using your trademark	Prevent others from reproducing your original work
LOCATION*					
DURATION	Up to 20 years from date of filing	As long as confidentiality is maintained	Up to 15 years from date of filing	10 years (renewable)	Life of creator + 50 years (in general)
DISCLOSURE GRACE PERIOD	12 months	No disclosure	12 months	Not applicable	Not applicable (automatic rights)

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