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PATENTS

General

1. Patents are granted for inventions under the Patents Act 1953.
2. An invention is defined in the Act as "any manner of new manufacture or a new method or process of testing applicable to the improvement or control of manufacture."
3. Novelty of the invention is essential for the grant of a patent.
4. A Patent Application can only be prepared by a Patent Attorney

Registration Procedure

1. The grant of a Patent requires an Application Form together with the specification (either provisional or complete).
2. The complete specification (accompanied by the Application) must contain a full and detailed description of the invention with sufficient detail to enable the invention to be carried into practical effect by a technician.
3. The specification concludes with a claim, or claims, defining the scope of the invention.

Patent Office Fees (including GST)

Application for Patent with provisional specification	\$90.00
Application for Patent with complete specification	\$382.50

A Patent Monopoly is granted for a period of 20 years provided all renewal fees are paid in advance as outlined above.