

List of abbreviations

ACIP	Australian Council on Intellectual Property
AIPLA	American Intellectual Property Law Association
ANZAAS	(The) Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science
BIE	Bureau of Industry Economics (Australia) (became part of the Productivity Commission)
BPAI	Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (internal USPTO Board)
CAFC	Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (the US court which hears all patent appeal cases)
CBO	Congressional Budget Office (US)
CMS	Carnegie Mellon Survey (1994, US)
DIISRT	Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (part of the Australian Commonwealth government)
EPC	European Patent Convention
EPLA	European Patent Lawyers Association
EPO	European Patent Office
EC	European Commission
FTC	Federal Trade Commission (US)
G7	The seven industrialised nations of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States
GAO	Government Accountability Office (US)
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GL	General Ledger
IBM	International Business Machines Pty Ltd
ID	identification
IPI	International Intellectual Property Institute
INPADOC	International Patent Documentation Center (EPO database)
IPAC	Industrial Property Advisory Committee (Australia) (replaced by ACIP)
IP Australia	Intellectual Property Australia (government body within DIISRT responsible for patents, trade marks, plant breeders' rights and designs, including the Australian Patent Office)

IPC	International Patent Classification (system)
IPCRC	Intellectual Property and Competition Review Committee (Australia)
IPER	International Preliminary Examination Report (issued under PCT arrangements)
IPSR	International Preliminary Search Report (issued under PCT arrangements)
IPTA	Institute of Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys of Australia
IRS	Internal Revenue Service (US)
ISBN	International Standard Book Number
JSTOR	Journal Storage: an online archive of academic journals (www.jstor.org)
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NBER	National Bureau of Economic Research (US)
NOIE	National Office for the Information Economy (Australia)
PAIR	Patent Application Information Retrieval (a USPTO database)
PCT	Patent Cooperation Treaty
PHOSITA	person having ordinary skills in the 'art' (US version of PSA)
POS	point of sales
PhRMA	Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
PSA	person skilled in the 'art'
R&D	Research and development
RFID	Radio-frequency identification
SMS	short message service (text message, usually sent by mobile phone)
TRIPS	(Agreement on) Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
VAT	value added tax
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

PATENT COUNTRY CODES

Country codes indicate the country or organisation where the patent application was filed or granted. Standard patent codes used here are:

AU	Australia
EP	European Patent Office

GB United Kingdom
 US United States of America
 WO World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

OTHER SPECIFIC TERMINOLOGY

art	technology
citations	the specific pieces of pre-existing knowledge provided in a patent application or identified by the examiner in examining the application
citations, forward	the extent to which a patent is cited as ‘art’ by later patent applications
claim(s)	that part of a patent specification which sets out the area claimed as the invention, and thus claimed as a monopoly
esp@cenet	EPO database particularly useful for tracing parallel applications
expedited examination	fast-track examination
family	a group of patents which are related to each other by way of the priority or priorities of a particular patent document
filing	application
integer	element
manner of manufacture	defines a patentable invention in Australia, and is defined in Section 6 of the 1623 <i>Statute of Monopolies</i>
modified examination	exempted from examination in the country as already examined in an approved overseas country
pdf	Adobe’s portable document format (for electronic documents)
prior art	existing knowledge; exactly what existing knowledge can be used is defined in statute and case law and differs between the novelty and inventiveness tests
priority date	the date which defines existing knowledge against which claims are tested
prosecution	the process of applying for a patent, including examination
Yale survey	Yale University Survey of firms (1984, US)