



## Cleantech and intellectual property

As the world is moving toward cleaner technologies, Canada continues to take on the role of a global leader in clean technology. The benefits to Canadians abound, including, for instance, helping us reach our climate change goals and creating more well-paying jobs across the country.

### Canada recognized as a global clean innovator!

Canadian companies have been rewarded for their efforts and exceptional leadership in cleantech. In fact, many Canadian companies are consistently featured on the Global Cleantech 100 list, positioning Canada as one of the leading innovators.

Stay informed on cleantech and other innovation efforts by consulting resources from Innovation Canada at [innovation.canada.ca](http://innovation.canada.ca) or the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) at [cipo.gc.ca](http://cipo.gc.ca).

### Questions?

To get advice from experts who can help you find and understand which government cleantech programs and services may be right for you, visit [Canada.ca/clean-growth](http://Canada.ca/clean-growth).

So how are Canadian intellectual property (IP) and clean technologies related, and how can they benefit your business? Here are a few examples:

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#### WIPO GREEN partner

CIPO is a member of WIPO GREEN. WIPO GREEN is an interactive marketplace that promotes innovation and the diffusion of green technologies. The WIPO GREEN network facilitates commercial relationships and transactions by connecting green technology providers and seekers..

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#### We offer an expedited process for patent applications related to cleantech!

CIPO provides an expedited process for patent applications relating to cleantech. Patents are an often-used form of IP in the industry that prevents others from making, using or selling your invention for up to 20 years in Canada.

Our accelerated service is intended to assist in reducing the time it takes to patent cleantech inventions, enabling businesses to bring them to market more rapidly.

How do I apply for an expedited examination?

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**Submit a written request** to the patent office asking for an expedited examination.

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**Submit a declaration** stating that your application relates to clean technology and that commercializing it would help to resolve or mitigate environmental impacts or conserve the natural environment and resources (see subsection 28(1) of the *Patent Rules*).

#### Important considerations

- No additional fee is required for the accelerated examination service of patent applications related to clean technologies.
- If you let the expedited patent application lapse due to abandonment or request a time extension, your application will be removed from the expedited examination process.

