



# 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, ornament, or any combination of these features         | Words, designs, tastes, textures, moving images, modes of packaging, holograms, sounds, scents, three-dimensional shapes, colours, or a combination of these | Software, sound recording, photograph, painting, web content, communication signals   |
| RIGHTS                  | Exclude others from using, making or selling  | No formal rights (contractual obligations)  | Exclude others from making, using, selling or importing                               | Prevent others from using your trademark   | Prevent others from reproducing your original work                                    |
| WHERE*                  |  |  |  |   |  |
| 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)   |

\*For patents, trademarks and industrial designs, consider securing your rights in other countries and regions.