

## Ireland (IE) Coverage

### Patent Office Details

Intellectual Property Office of Ireland  
Government Offices  
Hebron Road  
Kilkenny  
Ireland

Web: <https://www.ipoi.gov.ie/>

### Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date; short-term patents granted for 10 years
Extensions	The terms of patents for medicinal products, and many agricultural chemicals, require market authorisation before they can be sold commercially, can be extended for up to five years by supplementary protection certificates.

### Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	01.08.1992
European Patent Convention	01.08.1992
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

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PCT applications can only designate Ireland via the European Patent Office.

## DWPI Coverage

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A	Patent specification	1963-1970*
B	Granted patent	25 January 1995
B1	Granted patent	25 December 2019
B3	Granted Short-term patent	25 January 1995
Y1	Granted Short-term patent	25 December 2019

\*Note that pre-1970 DWPI coverage is limited by subject area as follows:

Coverage starts	Subject coverage
1963	Pharmaceuticals
1965	Agrochemicals
1966	Polymers

DWPI Data elements	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Manual Codes	
✓ Chemical Indexing	DCR, Chemical Fragmentation, Polymer and Markush

## Numeration

*All documents – A, B, B1, B3, Y1*

Publication Numbers			
Original Data	Derwent Patent Search	Dialog	STN
IEnnnnn	IEnnnnn	IE nnnnn	IEnnnnn
IE81139	IE81139	IE 81139	IE81139

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Application Numbers*			
Original Data	Derwent Patent Search	Dialog	STN
<i>Published before 2000</i>			
IEYYnnnn	IEYYYYNnnA	IE YYYYNnn	IEYYYY-Nnn
IE950821	IE1995821A	IE 1995821	IE1995-821
<i>Published 2000 onwards</i>			
IEYYYYnnnn	IEYYYYNnnA	IE YYYYNnn	IEYYYY-Nnn
IE20110141	IE2011141A	IE 2011141	IE2011-141

YY or YYYY                      2 or 4 digits representing the year of application  
 Nnn                                  1 to 4 digit serial number starting at 1 on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year

nnnn 4 digit serial number starting at 0001 on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year  
nnnnnnn 7 digit serial number starting at 0000001 on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year  
*\*Full coverage of application numbers commenced from DWPI update 199216*