

New Zealand (NZ) Coverage

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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date (from 01.01.1995 existing patents with 16 year terms were increased to 20 year terms)
Patents of Addition	Granted for the unexpired term of the original patent
Industrial designs and models	May be registered

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	01.12.1992
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording, with Lisbon text articles 1-12) World Intellectual Property Organization International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Filing for Patents

Inventions, which are any manner of new manufacture, or any new method or process applicable to the improvement of manufacture, are patentable. Although items found in nature are not considered to be patentable, applications for fragments of naturally occurring compounds such as peptides have begun to be accepted.

Applications may be made, in English and Maori, by the inventor or the assignee whether an individual, firm or corporation.

Under the *International Convention* applications claiming priority must be filed within 12 months of the earliest filing in a Convention country. Priority must be claimed at the time of filing in New Zealand and a certified copy of the original application must be provided within three months. As of 01.12.1992, under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty*, PCT applications which designate New Zealand can be filed.

Applications are subject to examination as to novelty. When a complete specification is accepted, this information is published in the *Patent Office Journal*. The application is then made available to the public (for opposition purposes). The applicant must specify that the patent be sealed. This request must be made within four months of publication.

Opposition to the grant of a patent may be made within three months of the date of publication of the complete specification. If applied for before the expiry of the three months, a one month extension may be obtained. 'Belated opposition' may be made within 12 months from the date of sealing of the patent.

DWPI Coverage

Kind	DWPI Start Dates
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A	Examined patent	28 October 1992
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A2	Examined patents	January 2020
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DWPI Data elements	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI)
✓ Chemical Indexing	DCR, Chemical Fragmentation, Polymer and Markush

Numeration

Kind Codes – A

Publication Numbers			
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	STN
NZNNNNNN	NZNNNNNN	NZ NNNNNN	NZNNNNNN
NZ233812	NZ233812	NZ 233812	NZ233812

NNNNNN 6 digit serial number

Application Numbers*			
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	STN
NZYYYYnnnnnn	NZNNNNNNA	NZ YYYNNNNNN	NZYYYY-NNNNNN
NZ20040574352	NZ574352A	NZ 2004574352	NZ2004-574352

YYYY 4 digits representing the year of application

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*Full coverage of application numbers commenced from DWPI update 199216