



**Canadian
Intellectual Property
Office**

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Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)



Intellectual Property for Business

Canada 

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Who is CIPO ?

- CIPO administers IP in Canada
- CIPO promotes the IP system and data
- CIPO supports Canada's IP interests abroad



How can CIPO help?

- CIPO's products and services can help your business understand, protect and leverage your IP
- CIPO offers key IP resources and comprehensive databases
- CIPO provides a list of accredited IP agents

Summary of IP forms

	Protect	Application required	Term
Trade secrets	Confidential information	N/A	indefinite
Patents	Inventions	yes	20 years
Trade-marks	Words, logos, slogans	recommended	15 years, renewable
Copyrights	Writings, music, art, plays, etc.	recommended	life + 50 years (many exceptions)
Industrial designs	Visual features	yes	up to 10 years



CIPO's products and services for all IP levels

- Website
- Databases
- Guides & Manuals
- Client Service Centre
- Business Development Officers
- Trade shows
- E-service



CIPO – Connecting you to IP resources

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