


The unknown necessity

OBJECTIVES

- Learn about students potential on the Industrial and Intellectual Property.
- Question raised about how to patent an invention.
- Verify students knowledge about patenting their inventions.
- **Divulgate** basic concepts on patents and the process to be followed.
- **Experiment** the process of drafting a patent request.

PATENT'S STRUCTURE

1. Patent request

 OFICINA ESPAÑOLA DE PATENTES Y MARCAS ESPAÑA	Número de publicació
	Número de sol·licitud
	Int. Cl.
SOL·LICITUD DE PATENT	
Data de presentació	Sol·licitant
Data de publicació de la sol·licitud	Inventor/s
Prioritat ¹	Representant
Títol de la patent	
Resum	

2. Description of the invention
3. Claims
4. Draws*
5. Abstract

HAVE YOU INVENTED SOMETHING? PROTECT IT!

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What is a patent?

Patents are documents which you can protect an invention from the rivalry so you can take advantage of it exclusively.

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What can be patented?

We classify patents of the object through the innovation contribution:

- Product patents: a new product
- Process patents: a new or different process for something already known.
- Indication patents: when an object is used for one application, different from the usual one.

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Where do we have to give the solicitude?

There is a method and different requirements in each country for a patent to be accepted. In Spain, all the process (national, European and global) are managed from the Spanish Office of Patents and Brands. (OEPM).

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Which facts are important to patent something?

An invention have to achieve some requirements to be able to be patented:

- Have some novelty
- Implicate an inventive activity
- Have industrial application

Also is important to assure that there are no publications about the invention before start the patent process.

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What do we have to do to request a patent?

The patent drafting process is so hard and difficult that it is suggested to contact an specialised lawyer for help. In UAB students and research teams, there is the free option of the Patents Validation Office (OVP).

After redact the patent request is drafted, it has to be send to the OEPM. If the request reach all the requirements and all the taxes are paid, the office will concede your patent.

CONCLUSIONS

- The process to request a patent is difficult, long and tedious, the use od a specialised lawyer is recommended.
- When a CTA student ends the college, he hasn't got knowledge to understand or draft a patent.
- Every country have their own taxes and process to patent an invention.
- All the information you need to know about patents you find it at OEPM's web.
- UAB should teach students and research teams the basic concepts about patents and where can they look for information to get involved in such request.

REFERENCES

Where do we find information?

As a student or professor from UAB, if you want to patent something, you must go to the OVP (**Oficina de Valorització de Patents**).

As a Spanish inventor non linked at UAB, you should contacts a lawyer (recommended) or straight to OEPM (**Oficina Espanyola de Patents i Marques**).