

Introduction to Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) & IP Overview

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Our Vision ...

To foster a creative Singapore where ideas and intellectual efforts are valued, developed and exploited

Our Mission ...

To provide the infrastructure, platform and environment for the greater creation, protection and exploitation of intellectual properties

**Authority for
IP Registration**

**Formulation of
IP Laws & Policies**

**Promotion of IP Awareness
Education & Exploitation**

- **Registry of Patents**
- **Registry of Designs**
- **Registry of Trade Marks**
- **Registry of Plant Varieties**



Overview of Intellectual Property

What is Intellectual Property

Creations of the Human Mind

- **Intellectual Property Laws** protect such creations and encourage economic exploitation.
- **Intellectual Property Rights** are rewards for making intellectual contributions to society

IP Form

- **Patents:**
- **Designs:**
- **Trade marks:**
- **Copyright:**

What is Protected

Invention – Product / Process

Outward appearances of objects

i.e. shape, configuration, pattern, ornament as applied to an object by an industrial process

Identity of goods & services

can be a number, signature, word, name, shape, colour, sound or a combination of these

Creative works

e.g. literary, dramatic, artistic, musical works

- Patents
- Registered Designs
- Trade Marks
- Copyright
- Plant Varieties Protection
- Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits
- Geographical Indications

<http://statutes.agc.gov.sg>

- Some rights are not automatic you have to file an application to get protection.
- IPRs are mainly territorial. Protection depends on the laws of the country itself.
- Like any property, IP can be licensed or assigned.
- Different forms of IP can co-exist within a single product

One Product – Many IPs

Design

The shape of the keyboard was registered as a design in Singapore with the registration number D2001 / 1099 / J.

Copyright

The packaging and publicity materials of the product is protected under copyright.

Patent

A patent was granted (PCT / SG01 / 0040) for the combination of the two types of key boards.



Trade mark

The name of the product, **PRODIKEYS**, was registered as a trade mark in Singapore.

Thank You!