

## About us

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We grant and register intellectual property (IP) rights in New Zealand. Our services help you protect your innovations so that you get the full economic benefit of your intellectual property.

We help New Zealand and international businesses protect their intellectual property rights in New Zealand.

We examine, grant and register intellectual property rights under:

- the [Patents Act 2013](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2013/0068/latest/DLM1419043.html) (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2013/0068/latest/DLM1419043.html>)
- the [Trade Marks Act 2002](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0049/latest/DLM164240.html) (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0049/latest/DLM164240.html>)
- the [Designs Act 1953](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1953/0065/latest/DLM281071.html) (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1953/0065/latest/DLM281071.html>)
- the [Plant Variety Rights Act 1987](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1987/0005/latest/DLM100578.html) (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1987/0005/latest/DLM100578.html>)
- the [Geographical Indications \(Wines and Spirits\) Registration Act 2006](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2006/0060/latest/whole.html#DLM390756%20) (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2006/0060/latest/whole.html#DLM390756%20>)

We also have a number of operational functions. We:

- process and examine patent, trade mark, design, plant variety right and geographical indication applications,
- implement international agreements,
- conduct dispute hearings about intellectual property registrations/eligibility,
- contribute to intellectual property rights policy development,
- act as a receiving officer for the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO),
- respond to [requests for information](http://mbie8.cwp.govt.nz/about-iponz/release-of-information/) (<http://mbie8.cwp.govt.nz/about-iponz/release-of-information/>)
- provide assistance including information and training to customers, and
- collect [application volumes data](http://mbie8.cwp.govt.nz/about-iponz/facts-and-figures/) (<http://mbie8.cwp.govt.nz/about-iponz/facts-and-figures/>)

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## IPONZ fees review and consultation

IPONZ has recently carried out a routine review of our fees to support a more consistent and transparent approach to cost-recovery across the range of services that we provide. We are now seeking feedback on several fee change proposals related to this review.

For more information on the fee changes proposals and feedback submissions, please visit our [IPONZ fees review and consultation](http://www.iponz.govt.nz/iponz/fees-review) (<http://www.iponz.govt.nz/iponz/fees-review>)

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## Our quality policy

We are individually and collectively accountable to meet the requirements of our quality management system and continually improve its effectiveness in achieving the purpose of IPONZ, which is to deliver and foster high quality and robust Intellectual Property rights.



Quality  
ISO 9001

We are certified with the ISO 9001:2015 quality management system standard. This demonstrates our commitment to quality in all aspects of our work.

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## Our vision

We strive to be at the forefront globally in facilitating robust and timely intellectual property rights.

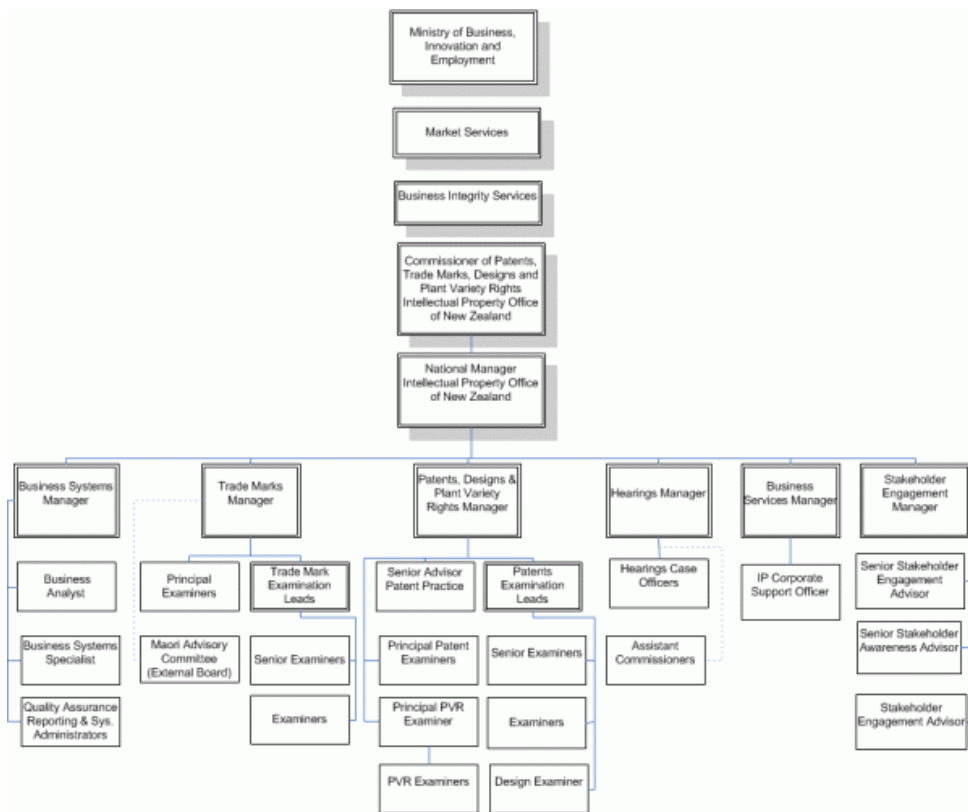
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## Organisation chart

IPONZ is a business unit of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE).

The Commissioner of Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Plant Variety Rights is responsible for ensuring that all the duties, and functions of the Commissioner noted in the Patents, Trade Marks, Designs and Plant Variety Rights legislation, are fulfilled.

IPONZ consists of six business units reporting to a single National Manager.



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## Annual reports

As of the implementation of the Patents Act 2013, IPONZ no longer produces annual reports for presentation to the House of Representatives.

To request a digital copy of an IPONZ annual report between 1999 and 2014, please [contact us](http://mbie8.cwp.govt.nz/contact-us/) (<http://mbie8.cwp.govt.nz/contact-us/>)



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