



**Intellectual Property Office**

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## The Registered Patents and Biotechnological Inventions (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations 2012

### Transitional Provisions Guidance

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With effect from 1 March 2012, applications to register patents and all associated administrative matters will be made through the Intellectual Property Office at the Guernsey Registry rather than through the Greffe and the Royal Court.

As part of this transfer of service, the above-mentioned regulations require that all applications and administrative matters are undertaken by a patent agent (with exceptions for patent proprietors who are ordinarily resident in the Bailiwick of Guernsey).

Guidance on who is eligible to be a patent agent can be found at:

<http://ipo.guernseyregistry.com/article/6968/Bailiwick-Patent-Agents>

Under the previous Greffe system an agent was not a requirement, although there was a requirement to use an Advocate for the court process.

A provision has, therefore, been made in the regulations for the continued use of Advocates practices for registration with the Registrar from 1 March 2012 until 31 August 2012.

This 6 months transitional provision will allow patent proprietors time to choose and reach agreements with a patent agent (who has been registered with the office) to act on their behalf.

In addition, during this 6 month transitional period the Registrar has determined that NO LATE FEES will be payable.

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