

UK IPO IP Audit Funding

IP Audits Plus Scheme

WHAT IS THE SCHEME?

The UK Intellectual Property Office is offering grants for small or medium-sized companies to have an IP Audit carried out by an IP professional.

These audits are typically worth £3000 with £2500 contributed by the UK IPO and £500 contributed by you.

An audit will result in a report setting out clear recommendations and action points for how your business can leverage value out of your IP. Following receipt of the report, you may also be offered a face-to face meeting with an IP professional to discuss the report.

The report will typically cover:

- Potential and existing patents, trade marks, designs and/or copyright;
- Third-party searching such as freedom to operate; and/or
- IP management tools such as NDAs, trade secrets, agreements, licensing and evaluating company IP policies.

Please note this scheme cannot be used to prepare and file applications for patents, trade marks, or registered designs.

HOW DO I GET ON IT?

To qualify, you will need to:

- Be a SME, i.e., a business with fewer than 250 employees;
- Be supported by one of the UK IPO's partners – Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) in England, Scottish Enterprise in Scotland or the Welsh Government in Wales; and
- Need to demonstrate the IP audit will play a key role in your growth strategy.

To apply, we can help you to make an application for funding through your relevant partner.

If the UKIPO accepts your request, you can then instruct us to complete the audit and discuss your next steps.

We look forward to meeting you! For more information, please contact:

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