

## Patents Act 1949

## 1949 CHAPTER 87 12 13 and 14 Geo 6

Application, investigation, opposition, etc.

## 1 Persons entitled to make application.

- (1) An application for a patent for an invention may be made by any of the following persons, that is to say:—
  - (a) by any person claiming to be the true and first inventor of the invention;
  - (b) by any person being the assignee of the person claiming to be the true and first inventor in respect of the right to make such an application;

and may be made by that person either alone or jointly with any other person.

- (2) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this section, an application for a patent for an invention in respect of which protection has been applied for in a convention country may be made by the person by whom the application for protection was made or by the assignee of that person:
  - Provided that no application shall be made by virtue of this subsection after the expiration of twelve months from the date of the application for protection in a convention country or, where more than one such application for protection has been made, from the date of the first application.
- (3) An application for a patent may be made under subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this section by the personal representative of any deceased person who, immediately before his death, was entitled to make such an application.
- (4) An application for a patent made by virtue of subsection (2) of this section is in this Act referred to as a convention application.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Patents Act 1949, Section 1.