



What Does Patent Pending Mean? - Quiz

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Q1. What does 'patent pending' status provide?

- A. Full legal protection
- B. Temporary claim to an idea
- C. Immediate patent approval
- D. Exclusive rights to the invention

Q2. How long does patent pending status last in the U.S.?

- A. 6 months
- B. 12 months
- C. 18 months
- D. 24 months

Q3. What must be included in a provisional patent application?

- A. Extensive proofs of the invention
- B. Identifying information and a description of the invention
- C. A working prototype
- D. Market research data

Q4. What happens if a non-provisional patent application is not filed within the 12-month period?

- A. The patent is automatically granted
- B. The provisional application is extended
- C. All potential benefits are lost
- D. The inventor can reapply immediately

Q5. What is a key advantage of patent pending status?

- A. It guarantees patent approval
- B. It establishes provenance
- C. It prevents all unauthorized use
- D. It eliminates the need for a non-provisional application

Q6. What can a granted patent allow an inventor to do regarding infringement during the pending period?

- A. Nothing, as infringement during pending status is not actionable
- B. Seek retroactive damages
- C. Only stop future infringement
- D. Automatically win all lawsuits

Q7. What is a drawback of patent pending status?

- A. It is too expensive to file
- B. It locks in the idea as described in the provisional application
- C. It provides no time for market research
- D. It requires immediate public disclosure

Q8. What is the 'one-year bar date' rule?

- A. A rule requiring public disclosure within one year
- B. A rule that extends the patent pending status indefinitely
- C. A rule that forfeits patent rights if not filed within one year of public disclosure
- D. A rule that mandates a prototype within one year

Q9. How should patent pending status be displayed?

- A. Only in legal documents
- B. Verbally to potential investors
- C. Prominently on the product or in advertisements
- D. Only after the patent is granted

Q10. What is a recommended step before filing a provisional patent application?

- A. Publicly disclosing the invention
- B. Seeking legal advice from a patent attorney
- C. Filing multiple provisional applications
- D. Waiting until the 12-month deadline approaches

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: C
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: B
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: C
9. Q9: C
10. Q10: B