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Title: Ceased patents that may be restored

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Information request:

I am trying to find patents that have ceased but can still be restored by payment of due fees. That is, patents whose renewal date was due and have not yet been restored but can still be restored because the owner has the right to restore [by paying all fees due] within the last 6 months of the 12 months after the renewal was due.

Under the freedom of information act, could you please disclose a list of patent numbers that have ceased in the last 12 months.

Information released:

In reply to your request we provide an online database of patent cases which are not in force for a variety of reasons - <u>http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-dl-notinforce.htm</u>. This can be filtered so that it shows those which have ceased.

We also publish details of patents which have ceased in the Patents and Designs Journal, also available via our website.