

**FOI Release**  
**Information released under the Freedom of Information Act**

**Title:** Company names that include sensitive words that require approval

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**Information request:**

In order to use certain terms (such as "Royal", "Bank", "Fund" or "NHS") in a company name, those setting up the company are required to apply to the relevant body for permission to use that term. A brief overview is provided by Companies House here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/incorporation-and-names/incorporation-and-names#sensitive>

More information, including the terms for which your body must be applied to, can be found by searching for your body's name (i.e. "Cabinet Office", "Audit Office", "Scottish Government") here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/incorporation-and-names/annex-a-sensitive-words-and-expressions-or-words-that-could-imply-a-connection-with-government>

The above website also details which email address such applications will have been made to, to ease your work in searching for them. With that in mind, please may I request the following information under the FOI Act:

- 1) The number of applications received by your organisation to use sensitive words in calendar year 2017;
- 2) The number of applications received by your organisation to use sensitive words in calendar year 2017 **that were subsequently approved**;
- 3) The names of each of the proposed businesses that applied to your organisation to use sensitive words in calendar year 2017;
- 4) The names of each of the proposed businesses that applied to your organisation to use sensitive words in calendar year 2017 **that were subsequently approved**;
- 5) All correspondence relating to the applications received by your organisation to use sensitive words in calendar year 2017 **that were not approved**.

**Information released:**

Please see the attached details of the company name requests received by the Intellectual Property Office during 2017.

There were 7 requests, in respect of a total of 10 proposed names. All were approved.

### Company name requests – 2017

<b>Request date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Authorised/Refused</b>
13/01/17	"Patentica Limited" and "Patentica LLP"	Authorised 13/01/17
17/01/17	"Patentica IP Management LLP and "Patentica Worldwide LLP"	Authorised 20/01/17
25/01/17	"European Patent Brokers Ltd"	Authorised 25/01/17
27/03/17	"Patentest UK Ltd	Authorised 27/03/18
24/07/17	"Electropatent Limited"	Authorised 25/07/17
18/09/17	"Intellectual Property Chambers Limited" and "IP Chambers Limited"	Authorised 21/09/17
08/12/17	"SC Patents Limited"	Authorised 11/12/17