GoBusiness IP Grow: IA/IP Services

As a start, 20 IA/IP services will be listed on GoBusiness IP Grow, to be grouped into 4 key categories. Each IA/IP service will have its own service directory.

Service providers who wish to be listed in an IA/IP service directory need to have the relevant professional certifications and/or performed professional work in the previous calendar year, specific to that IA/IP service.

IP Search and Registration

IA/IP Service Description of IA/IP Service

Relevant Professional Certifications and/or Professional Work Performed

Patent Agent



Provides services relating to patent drafting and registration, including advice on the validity or infringement of patents.

Served at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year and has at least one certified patent agent or qualified person under the legal profession act.

Registered Design Agent



Provides services relating to design registration, such as design search and filing services, including advice on filing strategies. Served at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year.

Trade Mark Agent



Provides services relating to trade mark registration, such as trade mark search and filing services, including advice on filing strategies. Served at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year.

Freedom-To-Operate (FTO)



Conducts patent-specific search and analysis to provide an opinion on whether a product or service infringes on a third party's patent rights. Completed at least 3 FTO projects in the previous calendar year and has at least one qualified person under the legal profession act.

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IP Database	Provides access to IP-related information such as trade mark and patent data to customers.	Has an IP database software, with at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year.

IP Intelligence and Search



Utilises IP-related data and complementary information on market, key players, competitors, etc. to guide R&D and IP strategy decisions. This includes conducting IP searches, patent landscapes, and competitor analysis.

Completed at least 3 intelligence or search projects in the previous calendar year.

IP Watch



Provides services to proactively monitor business and IP-related activities of competitors, e.g., launch of products or services, IP registrations, assignments, sale, as well as the activities of counterfeiters and presence of potentially infringing products and services.

Served at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year.

Strategy and Management

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Relevant Professional Certifications and/or Professional Work Performed

Branding Strategy



Develops long-term plans of how clients will build the desired image and goodwill in their target markets and among their customers. Completed at least 3 branding strategy projects in the previous calendar year.

Highly recommended to have at least one consultant with SAC-accredited TR 43 or SS 680 certification.

Innovation Consultancy



Involves working with clients to identify new ways to create value and growth opportunities, e.g., developing new revenue streams, identifying new products, and optimising R&D processes.

Completed at least 3 innovation consultancy projects in the previous calendar year.

Highly recommended to have at least one consultant with SAC-accredited TR 43 or SS 680 certification.

IP Audit



Identifies a company's IP assets and assesses its alignment, strength, and scope, as well as opportunities and risks against the company's business goals.

Completed at least 3 IP audit projects in the previous calendar year.

IP Due Diligence



Assesses the strength, scope, and alignment of target IP asset(s) in the context of a business decision in order to ascertain the associated opportunities and risks.

Completed at least 3 IP due diligence projects in the previous calendar year.

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IP Portfolio Management



Assists clients with IP asset management in connection with IP protection, cost management, and strategic decision-making.

This includes i) administrative management of IP portfolio, such as monitoring filed applications, renewal dates and ii) providing IP management software, such as docketing software and trade secret management software.

Has an IP portfolio management software and/or acquired at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year.

IP Strategy Consulting



Aligns management and use of IP assets (registrable and non-registrable) to business strategy to grow the business and manage IP-related risks.

Completed at least 3 IP strategy consulting projects in the previous calendar year.

Highly recommended to have at least one consultant with SAC-accredited TR 43 or SS 680 certification.

Commercialisation and Financing

IA/IP Service

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Relevant Professional Certifications and/or Professional Work Performed

IP Brokerage and Licensing



Connects buyers and sellers of IP and manages the deal activities, e.g., purchase, sale, license, or marketing of IP assets. This includes developing licensing and franchising packages.

Faciliated at least 3 brokerage transactions in the previous calendar year.

IP Marketplace



Provides a platform to list IP assets for licensing and sale.

Has a marketplace platform involving IP and/or technology with at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year.

Tax Advisory (with IA/IP considerations)



Advises on tax matters in view of IP and IA considerations.

Completed at least 3 IP tax advisory projects in the previous calendar year.

Highly recommended to have at least one consultant who is an Accredited Tax Advisor (ATA).

Valuation (with IA/IP considerations)



Assesses the monetary value of IP assets for specific purposes or triggered by specific events, e.g., IP transactions, mergers and acquisitions, IPO, tax.

Completed at least 3 IP valuation projects in the previous calendar year.

Highly recommended to have at least one consultant who is a Chartered Valuer & Appraiser (CVA) holder.

Others

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Contract Drafting	Reviews, advises, and drafts agreements. This includes licensing agreements, employment contracts, and research collaboration agreements.	Served at least 3 clients in the previous calendar year and has at least one qualified person under the legal profession act.

Dispute Resolution



Deals with IP-related disputes such as anti-counterfeiting and litigation, and alternative dispute resolution methods such as arbitration and mediation. Completed at least 3 dispute resolution cases in the previous calendar year and has at least one qualified person under the legal profession act.

IP Training



Trains and upskills employees for IP awareness and specialist capabilities.

Conducted at least 3 IP training courses in the previous calendar year.

Highly recommended to have at least one consultant with the Advanced Certificate in Training and Assessment (ACTA) or Advanced Certificate in Learning and Performance (ACLP).