

**Biotechnology** , according to the [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#) definition, is the application of science and technology to living organisms, as well as parts, products and models thereof, to alter living or non-living materials for the production of knowledge, goods and services.

The choice of the [international patent classification \(IPC\)](#) subclasses used for this sector is based on the OECD definition.

## Further information

- [Science, technology and innovation \(methodology\)](#)

## Source

- [OECD web site](#)