

South African National Phase Patent

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Fixed at US\$585 / 36,000* Rupees

Does not depend on:

- number of independent or dependent claims
- number of pages of the specification
- number of priority claims

WHEN

Up to 34 months from the priority date

INCLUDES

Official and professional fees for filing, late lodgement of documents, prosecution, acceptance, advertisement and grant of the national phase patent

NO ADDITIONAL FEES FOR

- late lodging documents
- filing national phase patent late during the 3 month extension period (i.e. 31-34 months from the priority date)
- urgency, if we receive instruction 3 business days before the deadline
- VAT / GST

RENEWALS

First renewal fee payable on the third anniversary of the PCT filing date (3rd yr renewal cost: 3,600 Rupees)

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Pay all 20 years of renewal fees upfront for 39,000 Rupees

* Payment is required from law firms only after filing

* Client to accept all bank charges

* Similar pricing for convention patent applications

South African Design

COST

Fixed at US\$550 / 34,000* Rupees

Does not depend on:

- Number of figures
- Number of priority claims

WHEN

Within 6 months of the priority date or the date on which the design was first made public

INCLUDES

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NO ADDITIONAL FEES FOR

- late lodging documents
- urgency if we receive instruction 7 business days before the deadline
- VAT / GST

RENEWALS

First renewal fee payable on the third anniversary of the priority date (3rd yr renewal cost 3,550 Rupees)

OR

Pay all 15 years of renewal fees upfront for 33,400 Rupees

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Why file in South Africa?

- South Africa is a member of BRICS - an association of 5 major emerging markets, namely Brazil, Russia, India and China
- GDP: US\$385 billion
- Population: 53 million
- Real GDP growth of 2.5%
- Median age: 24.7
- Most trade within Southern Africa flows through South African ports, making South Africa a gateway into the continent
- South African patents are not examined and do not incur prosecution costs. It is one of the affordable countries in which to file, prosecute and renew patents worldwide
- South African courts are independent, making patent enforcement effective

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