

# Nigerian Patent

(SANi Patent Component)



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# Guide to Filing a Nigerian Patent Online

## Patent filing process

Both Nigerian convention patents and PCT national phase patents may be filed online through globalipco.com.

To file a Nigerian **National Phase Patent** online, complete the following forms:

**1. PCT details**

**PCT DETAILS**

Your reference:

Application title (English):

PCT application number:

PCT publication number:

PCT filing date:

PCT publication language:  English  Other  
(If in a language other than English, a translation of the PCT document is required)

Abstract (English):   
Characters left: 3000

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**SEQUENCE LISTING**

Add a sequence listing?  Yes  No  
Where required, sequence listings should have been lodged with WIPO during the international phase. If lodged with WIPO, select "No"; if not lodged with WIPO, select "Yes".

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**PCT AMENDMENTS**

Was an Article 19 amendment recorded with WIPO during the PCT phase?  Yes  No

Was an Article 34 amendment recorded with WIPO during the PCT phase?  Yes  No



### Amendments

Although amendments may be made to Nigerian national phase patents on filing, the GlobalIPCo online system does not cater for this.

To effect amendments on filing, please contact us and we will process the application manually, ensuring that the proper forms and documents are completed.

## 2. Parties



### APPLICANT

#### Applicant 1

Full name:

Full name

Physical address:

Line 1

Line 2 (Optional)

City

State (Optional)

Zip (Optional)

Country:

Select Country

Type:

Natural Person

Legal Entity

Nationality:

Select Nationality

Add applicant



### INVENTOR

#### Inventor 1

Full name:

Full name

Physical address:

Line 1

Line 2 (Optional)

City

State (Optional)

Zip (Optional)

Country:

Select Country

Nationality:

Select Nationality

Add inventor



### Permitted

- Multi-dependent claims
- Multiple independent claims
- Reference numerals in claims

### Filing deadline:

30 months from priority date.

### 3. Priority details



#### PRIORITY DETAILS

Does this application claim priority?

Yes

No

Priority claim 1

Priority date:

yyyy-mm-dd

Note: Nigeria allows for up to 30 months to claim priority.

Priority number:

Applicant:

Same as applicants for current application

In the case of multiple applicants, please enter the applicant names separated by a semi-colon, eg. Applicant One Pty Ltd; Applicant Two Inc.

Priority country:

Select Country

Priority document language:

English

Other

Add priority



#### Fees:

Filing: \$650

Courier of certificate to you: \$110 (optional)

#### Renewals:

Renewals are payable on each anniversary of the PCT filing date.

On filing, you may pay 1 or 2 renewals for \$130 per renewal, or all 19 renewals for \$630.

### 4. Forms for signature



#### FORMS FOR SIGNATURE

For signature by Applicant:

The applicant must please print and sign these forms to be uploaded in the next step.

Click to see examples of forms:

Power of Attorney



#### Sign:

Electronic copies of signed documents are accepted. Original signed documents do not need to be couriered to us.

No commissioning, legalisation or notarization is required. All signed documents are lodged on filing. No documents are late-lodged.

### 5. Uploads



#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Specification [PDF]

Choose file No file chosen



Power of Attorney [PDF]

Choose file No file chosen



Priority document - Priority claim 1 [PDF]

Choose file No file chosen



#### OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

Abstract drawing [PNG / JPG / JPEG / GIF]

Choose file No file chosen



#### Language:

All documents uploaded must be in English.

## 6. Payment

### UPFRONT / TRANCHE PAYMENT

Pay for filing, prosecution and grant only or include courier of certificate?

Include courier

Exclude courier

### RENEWALS

Renewals are due on the anniversary of the base date of a Nigerian application.

No renewal

1 renewal

2 renewals

19 renewals

### DELAYED ACCEPTANCE

Typically, acceptance takes approximately 1 to 2 months, with grant following approximately 3 to 4 months thereafter. Do you wish to request delayed acceptance?

Yes

No

### PAYMENT SUMMARY

Filing, prosecution and grant (excluding courier of certificate of grant) of a Nigerian national phase patent application

Description	Unit cost (USD)
Filing, prosecution and grant (excluding courier of certificate of grant) of a Nigerian complete patent application	650

TOTAL PAYABLE

**USD650**

### PAYMENT METHOD

  Credit card

GLOBAL IP CO. User account

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

You agree that we will file this Nigerian national phase patent application as is, without review, revision or comment, subject to our Terms & Conditions and policy documents.

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Timelines:

Acceptance:

Within 2 months from filing

Certificate:

Within 4 months of filing

## Pricing

	<b>Nigeria</b>
Filing	\$ 650
Acceptance and grant	-
<u>Courier</u>	\$110 per parcel (4 patents may be included in a courier parcel)
Subtotal	from \$ 677.50*
Renewal "to term" (20 years)	\$ 630
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,307.50*</b>

\* Where 4 patents are included in the courier parcel

Law firms are entitled to preferential pricing.

GlobalIPCo does not charge a subscription fee. Registration is free. Only pay when a filing, courier or renewal is instructed.

**Tip:** Combine a Nigerian patent with a South African patent to create a SANi patent – SANi patents cover a territory with a greater GDP and population than either ARIPO or OAPI.

## Patent process

Nigerian patents are filed electronically. During the process, the GlobalIPCo system will email the filing receipt, notice of acceptance and a scanned copy of the patent certificate. The Nigerian patent certificate should be issued within 4 months of filing.

Granted Nigerian patents are published in the Nigerian Patent Journal after grant (typically up to 6 months after grant).

## Amendments

As with South African patents, Nigerian patents may be amended at any time (including after grant), provided that: the scope of the claims is not increased by the amendment; and the amendment is "fairly based" on material in the description. Therefore, it is unusual for applicants to delay acceptance of Nigerian patents to effect an amendment pre-grant.

Nigerian PCT national phase patents may be filed with a voluntary amendment. However, a clean copy of the amended specification and a tracked version showing amendments made must be submitted on filing.

### Renewals

On filing a Nigerian national phase patent, payment of 1, 2 or all 19 renewals may be instructed. Pre-paying all 19 renewals reduces the lifetime cost of a Nigerian Patent by up to 90%.

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