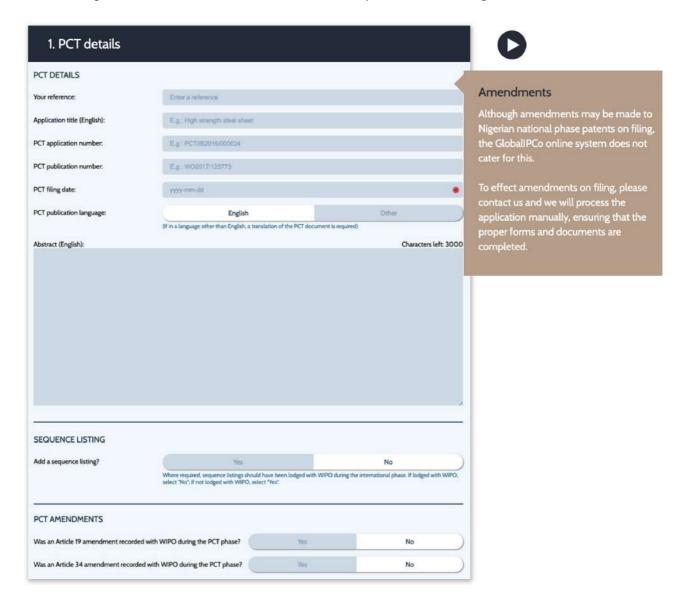


Guide to Filing a Nigerian Patent Online

Patent filing process

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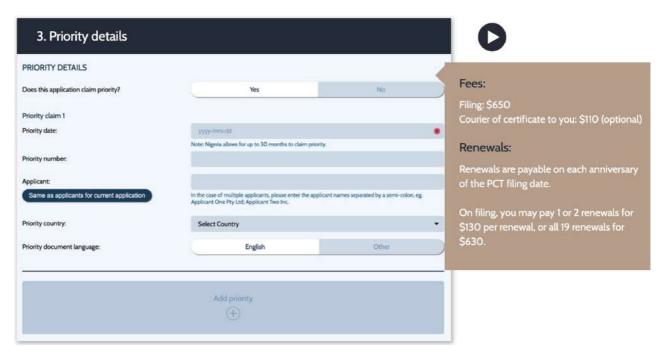


Permitted

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

Filing deadline:

30 months from priority date.







6. Payment UPFRONT / TRANCHE PAYMENT Timelines: Pay for filing, prosecution and grant only or include courier of certificate? Include courier Exclude courier Acceptance: Within 2 months from filing RENEWALS Renewals are due on the anniversary of the base date of a Nigerian application. Certificate: 1 renewal 2 renewals 19 renewals No renewal Within 4 months of filing 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 Yes PAYMENT SUMMARY Filing, prosecution and grant (excluding courier of certificate of grant) of a Nigerian national phase patent application 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 VISA 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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Filing	\$ 650
Acceptance and grant	-
<u>Courier</u>	\$110 per parcel (4 patents may be included in a courier parcel)
Subtotal	from \$ 677.50*
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Total	\$ 1,307.50*

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Patent process

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