



South African Patent

(Sani Patent Component)



GLOBAL IP & CONSULTING FZ LLE

Guide to Filing a South African Patent Online

Patent filing process

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

To file a South African **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)

Classification:
Only enter main classes, e.g. B65D and C22C

+ Add

Abstract (English):

Characters left: 3000

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".

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

On filing, the specification must mirror the PCT application on file at WIPO.

Changes thereto (including changes to applicant details) may only be made after filing.

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

Add applicant



INVENTOR

Inventor 1

Full name:

Full name

Country:

Select Country

Add inventor



Permitted

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

Filing deadline:

31 months from priority date, extendable at no cost to 34 months.

3. Priority details

PRIORITY DETAILS

Does this application claim priority?

Yes

No

Priority claim 1

Priority date:

yyyy-mm-dd

Note: South Africa allows for up to 34 months to claim priority.

Priority number:

Priority country:

Select Country

Was the priority document lodged with WIPO?

Yes

No

Priority document language:

English

Other

Add priority



Fees:

Filing: \$399

Publication: \$70

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

Renewals:

Renewals: approx. \$70 pa, payable from the 3rd anniversary of the PCT filing date

Term: 20 years from the PCT filing date

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:

Form P3

Form P26

Power of Attorney



Download

Email



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: MUST BE SUBMITTED ON FILING

PCT: Published application [PDF]

Choose file

No file chosen



Form P3 [PDF]

Choose file

No file chosen



Form P26 [PDF]

Choose file

No file chosen



Power of Attorney [PDF]

Choose file

No file chosen



OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

PCT: Abstract drawing [PNG / JPG / JPEG / GIF]

Choose file

No file chosen



Language:

All documents uploaded must be in English.

However, no priority document must be uploaded if it was lodged with WIPO.

6. Payment

EXPEDITED GRANT

Typically, grant takes 12 months. Do you wish to request accelerated grant?

Additional cost: \$0

Yes

No

SUBMIT FOR REVIEW

Do you want to instruct a South African patent attorney to confirm that your inputs and uploaded documents are correct prior to filing this national phase patent application?

Additional cost: \$49

Yes

No

UPFRONT / TRANCHE PAYMENT

Pay for filing only or for all steps up to courier of certificate?

Additional cost: see PAYMENT SUMMARY

Full process

Filing only

RENEW TO TERM

Do you want to pre-pay all renewals for the 20 year term (17 annuities) at a discounted rate?

Additional cost: see PAYMENT SUMMARY

Yes

No

PAYMENT SUMMARY

Filing of a South African national phase patent application

Description	Unit cost (USD)
Filing a South African national phase patent application	399

TOTAL PAYABLE
USD399

PAYMENT METHOD

☒  Credit card

☐ GLOBAL IP CO. User account

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

Proceed to filing



Timelines:

Acceptance:

9 months from filing, reduced to 3 months from filing where accelerated acceptance is requested

Publication:

Within 3 months of acceptance

Certificate:

Within 10 weeks of publication

Pricing

	South Africa National Phase Patent
Filing	\$ 399
Acceptance, publication and grant	\$70
<u>Courier</u>	\$110 per parcel (4 patents may be included in a courier parcel)
Subtotal	from \$ 496.50*
Renewal "to term" (20 years)	\$ 385
Total	\$ 881.50*

* 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.

Patent process

South African patents are filed electronically. During the process, the GlobalIPCo system will email the filing receipt, notice of acceptance, publication in the Journal and a scanned copy of the patent certificate. If accelerated acceptance is requested (at no additional cost), the South African patent certificate should be issued within 6 months of filing.

Amendments

South African 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 South African patents to effect an amendment pre-grant.

On filing, a South African PCT national phase patents must mirror the PCT patent on file at WIPO. Any additional amendment to the South African patent specification, applicants or inventors may only be effected after filing.

Renewals

On filing a South African national phase patent, payment of all 17 renewals (for the 20-year term) may be instructed. Pre-paying all 17 renewals reduces the lifetime cost of a South African patent by up to 80%.

About GlobalIPCo

GlobalIPCo is the largest filer of patents in Africa, filing about 5,000 patents per year.

Other GlobalIPCo online systems:

- Nigerian National Phase Patent
- Nigerian Convention Patent
- South African Convention Patent
- South African Provisional Patent
- South African Design
- South African Trademark



| GLOBAL IP & CONSULTING FZ LLE