



# BAHRAIN COUNTRY INFORMATION



# PATENTS

**USEFUL INFORMATION**
**REQUIREMENTS**
**SEARCHES**


Official searches are possible.  
Non-official are not possible.

Search by applicant name and invention title.  
  
Limited to published and granted patents.

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**


Arabic translation of all documents is required.  
  
PDF copies of the supporting documents will suffice.

**At the time of filing:**

- Applicant and inventor details in English and Arabic.
- Title of Invention and Abstract in English and Arabic.
- Specification, claims and drawings in English
- Simply signed Power of Attorney.
- Copy of the PCT publication and ISR (for PCT applications).

**Within 3 months of filing:**

- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.
- Certified copy of the priority document in English with its Arabic translation (this is not required for PCT applications).
- Certificate of Deposit of microorganism culture if the application is related to microorganisms.
- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled (this is not required for PCT applications).
- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company (this is not required for PCT applications).

**Within 4 months of filing:**

- Specification, claims and drawings in Arabic and further locally notarised.

**PRIORITY CLAIM(S)**


Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.  
  
12 months Paris Convention priority period.

**TYPE OF EXAMINATION**


Formal examination.  
Substantive examination.

**PUBLICATION**


Patents are published in the official gazette after the decision to grant.

**USEFUL INFORMATION**
**REQUIREMENTS**
**OPPOSITIONS**


Third parties may oppose the grant of a patent after publication in the official gazette.

There is no specific deadline to file an opposition.

**PROTECTION TERM**


Patents expire 20 years from the national filing date for non-PCT filings (or the international filing date if the application is a PCT-national phase application) provided all annuities are paid.

**CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS**


Changes of name and/or address may be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are not required. PDF copies will suffice.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.

Change of name and/or address declaration or a certified copy of the commercial extract showing change, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.

**ASSIGNMENTS**


Assignments may only be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are not required. PDF copies will suffice.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/Apostilled.

Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.

**ANNUITIES**


Annuities must be paid after grant on yearly basis (on the anniversary of the grant date).

There is a 12-month grace period to pay annuity fees. The first 6-month period incurs no penalty, a penalty applies for the second 6-month period.



# DESIGNS

**USEFUL INFORMATION**
**REQUIREMENTS**
**SEARCHES**


Non-official searches are not possible.

Official searches are possible.

Applicant details.

Pending and granted designs. Rejected patents will not show.

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**


Arabic translation of all documents is required. The original documents are not required. PDF copies will suffice.

**At the time of filing:**

- Figures in English.
- Description of figures in English.
- Description of design in English and Arabic.
- Applicant(s) and designer(s) details in English and Arabic.

**Within 3 months of filing:**

- Figures in Arabic.
- Description of figures in Arabic.
- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.
- Certified copy of the Deed of Assignment.
- Certified copy of the Priority Document with its Arabic translation if priority is claimed.

**MULTIPLE DESIGN FILING SYSTEM**


Yes - up to 50 homogeneous designs.

**PRIORITY CLAIM(S)**


Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

6 months Paris Convention priority period.

**EXAMINATION**


Formal examination only.

**PUBLICATION**


Designs are published in the official gazette after the acceptance decision for registration.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

### OPPOSITIONS



Third parties may oppose the grant of a patent after publication in the official gazette.

There is no specific deadline to file an opposition.

### PROTECTION TERM



Design protection is valid for 10 years from the date of filing, renewable for a further 5-year period. The total validity period is 15 years.

The renewal fee shall be paid within the last year of the registration validity.

There is a 3-month grace period for late payment of renewal fees (penalty fees apply).

### CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS



Changes of name and/or address may be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are not required. PDF copies will suffice.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.

Change of name and/or address declaration or a certified copy of the Commercial Extract showing change, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.

### ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The recordal will be published.

A recordal certificate will be issued.

The original documents are not required. PDF copies will suffice.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.

Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Bahrain/apostilled.

### ANNUITIES



Annuities must be paid every year (on the anniversary of the publication date).

There is a 6-month grace period to pay annuity fees (penalty fees apply).



# TRADE MARKS



**USEFUL INFORMATION**
**REQUIREMENTS**
**SEARCHES**


Word mark searches are available.  
Device mark searches are available.

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**


Applicants' details (name, address and jurisdiction of incorporation).  
Trade mark name and image.  
Classes of interest and goods and services description.

- A legalised or apostilled Power of Attorney.
- A legalised or apostilled Commercial Extract, Certificate of Incorporation or Certificate of Good Standing.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is possible.

**PRIORITY CLAIM(S)**


Six months Paris Convention priority period.  
Priority must be claimed at the time of filing the trademark registration application.

A certified copy of the Priority Document is required.  
Late filing of this document is possible.

**CLASSIFICATION**


Nice Classification (11<sup>th</sup> Edition).  
Vienna Classification (latest Edition) is used to classify figurative marks.

**EXAMINATION**


Formal, absolute and relative grounds.  
Refused marks must be appealed to the Trade Marks Committee within 90 days of the notification date.

A legalised or apostilled Power of Attorney must be submitted upon filing of the appeal.

**OPPOSITIONS**


60 days opposition period.  
If the applicant does not defend the opposition, the opponent will succeed by default.  
If the opposition is defended, the parties may request a hearing, following which a decision will issue.

A legalised or apostilled Power of Attorney is required at the time of filing the opposition.  
Evidence should be filed at the time of filing the opposition.

**USEFUL INFORMATION**
**REQUIREMENTS**
**PROTECTION TERM**


10 years calculated from the filing date of the trade mark registration application.

Registrations can be renewed every 10 years in perpetuity.

**USE REQUIREMENT**


Marks may become vulnerable to cancellation after 5 years of non-use.

**CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS**


Changes of name and/or address may be only recorded against trade mark registrations and not pending applications.

- A legalised or apostilled Power of Attorney.
- A legalised or apostilled change of name and/or address declaration.
- A simple copy of the trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

**ASSIGNMENTS**


Assignments may be only recorded against trade mark registrations and not pending applications.

- A legalised or apostilled Power of Attorney from the assignee.
- A legalised or apostilled Deed of Assignment.
- A simple copy of the trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

**RENEWALS**


Trade mark registrations are due for renewal within a 10 years period calculated from the filing date of the application.

There is a 6 months grace period for late renewals with additional fees.

- A legalised or apostilled Power of Attorney.
- A simple copy of the latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.



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