



PAKISTAN COUNTRY INFORMATION



PATENTS

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REQUIREMENTS
SEARCHES


Official searches are available only.

Search by applicant name, title of the invention, priority number, application number, patent number, subject matters of the patents, classification of the patents and any other available information.

FILING REQUIREMENTS


The official language is English.

Official receipt with application number will issue within two weeks from the filing date.

The original documents are required.

If the documents are not in English, the certified English translation is required.

At the time of filing:

- Applicant(s) and inventor(s) details in English.
- Title of Invention and Abstract in English.
- Specification, claims and drawings in English.

Within 3 months of filing:

- Certified copy of the Priority Document in English if priority is claimed.

No deadline but should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid an unnecessary objection while issuing an examination report:

- Simply signed Power of Attorney on Form P-28 with company stamp.
- Simply signed Form P-2 where an application is being filed in the name of an applicant who is the inventor or Form P-2A where an application is being filed in the name of an applicant who is not the inventor and signed by all parties - for convention applications. The company stamp should also be added.
- Simply signed Form P-1 where an application is being filed in the name of an applicant who is the inventor or Form P-1A where an application is being filed in the name of an applicant who is not the inventor and signed by all parties - for non-convention applications. The company stamp should also be added.

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 before grant.

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OPPOSITIONS


Third parties may oppose the grant of a patent within 4 months of publication in the official gazette.

If the applicant does not defend the opposition, the opponent will win by default.

If the opposition is defended, the parties may request a hearing, following which a decision will be issued.

In the absence of opposition, the letters patent is issued.

PROTECTION TERM


Patents expire 20 years from the earliest filing date provided all annuities are paid or earliest filing date.

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS


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

The original documents are required.

If the documents are not in English, the certified English translation is required.

Simply signed Power of Attorney on Form P-28 with company stamp.

One of the below documents:

- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company; or
- A change of name and/or address declaration on company's letterhead, simply signed with company stamp. Otherwise, the declaration should be signed before a notary.

ASSIGNMENTS


Assignments may only be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

If the documents are not in English, the certified English translation is required.

Simply signed Power of Attorney on Form P-28 with company stamp.

Deed of Assignment signed before a notary.

ANNUITIES**USEFUL INFORMATION**

Annuities must be paid every year starting the 5th annuity and on the anniversary of the earliest filing date.

There is a 6-month grace period for late payment of annuities (penalty fees apply).

REQUIREMENTS



DESIGNS

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SEARCHES


Non-official searches are not possible.

Official searches are possible.

Search by design number or representation of design.

Limited only to designs granted two years prior to the search date.

FILING REQUIREMENTS


The official language is English.

The original documents are required.

If the documents are not in English, the certified English translation is required.

At the time of filing:

- Figures in English.
- Description of figures in English.
- Description of design in English.
- Applicant(s) and designer(s) details in English.
- Affidavits signed from the applicant(s) and the designer(s) and further notarised for non-priority applications.

Within 3 months of filing:

- Certified copy of priority document, if priority is claimed.

No deadline but should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid an unnecessary objection while issuing an examination report:

- Simply signed Power of Attorney on Form P-31 with company stamp.

MULTIPLE DESIGN FILING SYSTEM


Not possible.

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 filing as new filed design applications and after grant

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No opposition available.
Cancellation of a registered design can be sought

PROTECTION TERM


Design protection is valid for 10 years from the date of filing, renewable for two further 10-year periods, bringing the total protection period available to 30 years.

The grace period is 6 months.

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS


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

The original documents are required.

If the documents are not in English, then certified English translation is required.

Simply signed Power of Attorney on Form P-31 with company stamp.

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- Otherwise, the declaration should be signed before a notary

ASSIGNMENTS


Assignments may be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

If the documents are not in English, the certified English translation is required.

Simply signed Power of Attorney on Form P-31 with company stamp.

Deed of Assignment signed before a notary.

ANNUITIES


There are no annuity payments.



TRADE MARKS

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SEARCHES


Word mark searches are available.

Device mark searches are limited to key word searches of non-standardised descriptions of marks.

FILING REQUIREMENTS


Applicant's details (name, address and jurisdiction of incorporation).

Trade mark name and image.

Classes of interest and goods and services description.

Trade mark's date of use.

A notarised Power of Attorney.

Late filing of this document 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 (11th Edition).

EXAMINATION


Formal, absolute and relative grounds.

Refused marks must be appealed to the High Court.

A notarised Power of Attorney must be submitted upon filing of the appeal.

OPPOSITIONS


2 months 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 be issued.

A notarised Power of Attorney required at the time of filing the opposition.

Evidence and affidavit may be late filed within three months.

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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 recorded against trade mark registrations and pending applications.

- A notarised Power of Attorney.
- A simple copy of latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate.
- A notarised change of name and/or address declaration.
- Late filing of supporting documents is possible.

ASSIGNMENTS


Assignments may be recorded against trade mark registrations and pending applications.

- A notarised Power of Attorney from the assignee.
- A simple copy of latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate.
- A notarised Deed of Assignment.
- Late filing of supporting documents is 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 notarised Power of Attorney.
- A simple copy of latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate.
- Late filing of supporting documents is possible.



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