



# OMAN COUNTRY INFORMATION



# PATENTS

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

## SEARCHES



Non-official searches are not possible.

Official searches are possible.

Search by applicant name, patent title, inventor(s) or claims.

Pending applications and granted patents.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS



Arabic translation of all documents is required.

Original copies of the supporting documents are required.

**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.

**Within 60 days of filing:**

- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Oman/apostilled.
- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company. A PDF copy would suffice.
- Specification claims and drawings in Arabic.

**Within 90 days of filing:**

- Certified copy of the Priority Document in English with its Arabic translation (this is not required for PCT applications).
- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Oman/apostilled.

## PRIORITY CLAIM(S)



Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

12 month Paris Convention priority period.

## TYPE OF EXAMINATION



Formal examination.

Substantive examination.

## PUBLICATION



Patents are published in the official gazette after the substantive examination acceptance (1<sup>st</sup> publication) and after grant (2<sup>nd</sup> publication).

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

### OPPOSITION



Third parties may oppose the grant of a patent within 120 days of the 1<sup>st</sup> publication in the official gazette.

The patent is re-published after grant, but no opposition period is provisioned at that stage.

### PROTECTION TERM



Patents expire 20 years from the earlier 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 required.

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

Change of name/address or extract showing the change, legalised to the embassy of Oman/apostilled.

### ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may only be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney from the assignor and the assignee, legalised to the embassy of Oman/apostilled.

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

Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract of the assignee. A PDF copy would suffice.

### ANNUITIES



Annuities must be paid every year on the anniversary of the national filing date (or the international filing date if the application is a PCT-national phase application).

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



# DESIGNS

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

## SEARCHES



Non-official searches are not possible.

Official searches are possible.

Search by applicant name, design title, designer(s) or description.

Limited to published and granted designs.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS



Arabic translation of all documents is required.

The original documents are required.

**At the time of filing:**

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

**Within 60 days of filing:**

- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Oman/apostilled.
- Figures in Arabic.
- Description of figures in Arabic.

**Within 90 days of filing:**

- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Oman/apostilled.
- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company. A PDF copy would suffice.
- Certified copy of Priority Document in English with its Arabic translation, if priority is claimed.

## MULTIPLE DESIGN FILING SYSTEM



Yes - up to 100 homogeneous designs.

## PRIORITY CLAIM(S)



Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

6 month Paris Convention priority period.

## EXAMINATION



Formal examination only.

Designs are filed without a novelty examination at the applicant's responsibility.

## PUBLICATION



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

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

## OPPOSITION



Opposition are not possible

## PROTECTION TERM



Design protection is valid for 5 years from the date of filing, renewable twice for a further 5-year period to a maximum term of 15 years (6 months grace period before the due 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.

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

Change of name/address **OR** commercial extract showing change, legalised to the embassy of Oman/apostilled.

## ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may be recorded against registrations only.

The original documents are required.

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

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

Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial.

Extract if applicant is a company. A PDF copy will suffice.

## ANNUITIES



There are no annuity payments.



# TRADE MARKS



## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

## SEARCHES



Word mark searches are available.

Device mark searches are available.

FILING  
REQUIREMENTS


Applicant's 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 simple copy of the Commercial Extract, Certificate of Incorporation or Certificate of Good Standing.

Late filing of the supporting documents is possible.

PRIORITY  
CLAIM(S)


Six month 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).

It is possible to claim goods/services which are available in the Nice Classification version adopted by the Trade Mark Office and/or other goods/services of interest.

## EXAMINATION



Formal, absolute and relative grounds.

Refused marks must be appealed to the Trade Marks Committee and Court.

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 may be filed with the opposition or at the hearing.

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## 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 can be recorded against trade mark registrations and pending applications.

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

## ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments can be 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 assignee's Commercial Extract, Certificate of Incorporation or Certificate of Good Standing.
- A simple copy of trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate.
- Late filing of supporting documents is possible.

## RENEWALS



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

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

- A legalised or apostilled Power of Attorney.
- A simple copy of the trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is possible.



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