

QATAR COUNTRY INFORMATION



PATENTS



SEARCHES

FILING

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Non-official searches are not possible.

Official searches are possible.

Arabic translation of all

documents is required.

required.

The original documents are

Pending and granted patents.

Search by title of invention with a brief description.

REQUIREMENTS

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.
- Copy of the PCT publication and ISR (for PCT applications).

Within 3 months of filing:

Certified copy of the Priority Document in English with its Arabic translation (this is not required for PCT applications).

Within 6 months of filing:

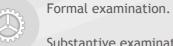
- Specification, claims and drawings in Arabic.
- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Qatar.
- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Qatar (this is not required for published PCT applications).
 - Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company, legalised to the embassy of Qatar (this is not required for published PCT applications).

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)

Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

12 month Paris Convention priority period.

TYPE OF **EXAMINATION**



Substantive examination.



USEFUL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS Patents are published in the PUBLICATION official gazette after the decision to grant. Third parties may oppose the grant of a patent within 60 days **OPPOSITIONS** of publication in the official gazette. Patents expire 20 years from the national filing date for non-PCT filings (or the international PROTECTION filing date if the application is a TERM PCT-national phase application) provided all annuities are paid. Changes of name and/or Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy address may be recorded Qatar. **CHANGE OF** against pending applications NAME and registrations. Change of name and/or address declaration AND/OR or a certified copy of the commercial **ADDRESS** The original documents are extract showing change, legalised to the required. embassy of Qatar. Assignments may only be Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy recorded against pending Qatar. applications and registrations. **ASSIGNMENTS** Deed of Assignment, legalised to the The original documents are embassy of Qatar. required. Annuities must be paid every year on the anniversary of the filing date (or the international filing date if the application is a PCT-national phase **ANNUITIES** application). There is a 1-year grace period for late payment of annuities at no additional fee. Penalty fees apply after 1 year from the due date.



DESIGNS



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Qatar has issued Law no. 10 of 2020 on the Protection of Industrial Designs on 19 April 2020.

Implementing regulations have not yet issued.

It is still not possible to file designs in Qatar.

REQUIREMENTS



TRADE MARKS



	USEFUL INFORMATION	REQUIREMENTS
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.	 A legalised 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 not 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 th Edition). Vienna Classification is used to classify figurative marks. Class 33 is not allowed. Alcohol products in class 32 and pork products are not allowed.	
EXAMINATION	Formal, absolute and relative grounds. Refused marks must be appealed to the Trade Marks Committee.	A legalised Power of Attorney must be submitted upon filing of the appeal.
OPPOSITIONS	4 month 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.	Evidence may be filed with the



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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 recorded against trade mark registrations and pending applications.	 A legalised Power of Attorney. A simple copy of the latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate. A legalised change of name and/or address declaration. 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 Power of Attorney from the assignee. A simple copy of the latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate. A legalised Deed of Assignment. Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.
RENEWALS	Trade mark registrations are due for renewal every 10 years filing date of the application. There is a 6 month grace period for late renewals with additional fees.	 A legalised Power of Attorney. A simple copy of the latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate. Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

