



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES COUNTRY INFORMATION



PATENTS

		USEFUL INFORMATION	REQUIREMENTS
SEARCHES		<p>Limited non-official searches are available.</p> <p>Official searches are not possible.</p>	<p>Limited to published and granted patents.</p> <p>Informal search by applicant details, application number/date, grant date, title of invention.</p>
FILING REQUIREMENTS		<p>Arabic translation of all documents is required.</p>	<p>At the time of filing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant(s) and inventor(s) details in English and Arabic. • Title of Invention and Abstract in English and Arabic. • Specification, claims and drawings in English. <p>Within 90 days of filing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification, claims and drawings in Arabic. • Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of the UAE. • Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of the UAE. • Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company, legalised to the embassy of the UAE. • Certified copy of the Priority Document with its English translation, if priority is claimed.
PRIORITY CLAIM(S)		<p>Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.</p> <p>12 month Paris Convention priority period.</p>	
TYPE OF EXAMINATION		<p>Formal examination</p> <p>Substantive examination.</p>	
PUBLICATION		<p>Patents are published in the official gazette before grant.</p>	

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REQUIREMENTS

OPPOSITIONS



Third parties may oppose the grant of a patent within 60 days of publication in the official gazette.

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.

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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 3 months after the due date).

12 months Paris Convention priority period.



DESIGNS

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SEARCHES 	<p>Limited non-official searches are available.</p> <p>Official searches are not possible.</p>	<p>Limited to published and granted designs.</p> <p>Informal search by applicant details, application number/date, grant date, title of design.</p>
FILING REQUIREMENTS 	<p>Arabic translation of all documents is required.</p>	<p>At the time of filing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figures in English. Claim and description of figures in English. Arabic details of design, applicant and designer. <p>Within 90 days of filing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figures in Arabic. Claim and description of figures in Arabic. Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of the UAE. Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company, legalised to the embassy of the UAE. Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of the UAE. Certified copy of Priority Document in English with its Arabic translation, if priority is claimed.
MULTIPLE DESIGN FILING SYSTEM 	<p>Yes - up to 20 homogeneous designs.</p>	
PRIORITY CLAIM(S) 	<p>Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.</p> <p>6 month Paris Convention priority period.</p>	
EXAMINATION 	<p>Formal examination only.</p>	
PUBLICATION 	<p>Designs are published in the official gazette after formal examination acceptance and decision to grant.</p>	

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If no opposition is filed, the certificate of registration is issued.

PROTECTION TERM



Design protection is valid for 10 years from the date of filing.

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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.

Trade mark/image and classes.

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.

Late filing of this document is possible within 30 days provided a submission of non-legalised POA with sworn translation.

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 Priority Document is required.

Late filing of this document is possible within 3 months from the filing date.

CLASSIFICATION



Nice Classification (11th Edition).

Vienna Classification is not used to classify figurative marks.

Class 33 is not allowed.

Alcohol products in class 32, pork products, bar or night club services 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



30 days opposition period.

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

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

Legalised Power of Attorney required at the time of filing the opposition.

Evidence may be filed with the opposition or at any stage before the hearing.

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PROTECTION TERM 	<p>10 years calculated from the filing date of the trade mark registration application.</p> <p>Registrations can be renewed every 10 years in perpetuity.</p>	
USE REQUIREMENT 	<p>Marks may become vulnerable to cancellation after 5 years of non-use.</p>	
CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS 	<p>Changes of name and/or address may be only recorded against trade mark registrations (not pending applications).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A legalised Power of Attorney. • A simple copy of trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate. • A legalised change of name and/or address declaration. • Late filing of supporting documents is not possible.
ASSIGNMENTS 	<p>Assignments may be only recorded against trade mark registrations (not pending applications).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A legalised Power of Attorney from the assignee. • A simple copy of trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate. • A legalised Deed of Assignment. • Late filing of supporting documents is not possible.
RENEWALS 	<p>Trade mark registrations are due for renewal every 10 years calculated from the filing date of the application.</p> <p>3 months grace period for late renewals with additional fees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A legalised Power of Attorney. • A simple copy of the trade mark registration or latest renewal certificate. • Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.



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