



**ULTIMATE
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GUIDE IN
LATAM'S TOP 7
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ARGENTINA

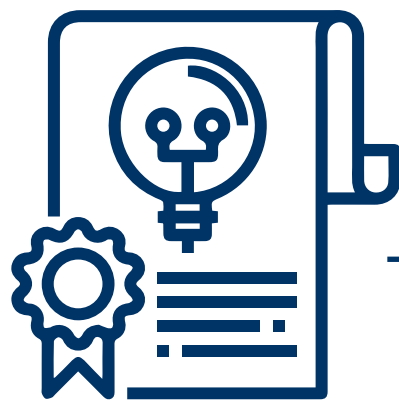
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Patent filing requirements

When conducting a patent filing in Argentina, you are required to submit the following documents:

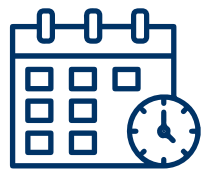
- Spanish version of the final filing text (abstract, specification and claims).
- However, you may file in English (Title and abstract must be filed in Spanish).
When filing in English, a sworn Spanish translation must be submitted within a 10-business day window after filing.
- Drawings (if applicable).
- Sequence Listing (If applicable).
- Certificate of Deposit of Biological Material (If applicable).
- A signed copy of the Power of Attorney - **NOT MANDATORY FOR FILING BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID A FORMAL OFFICE ACTION.**



Translation requirements

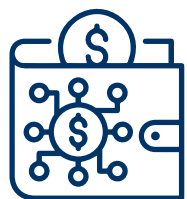
A Spanish version of the final filing text (abstract, specification and claims) must be submitted with filing. However, you may file in English (Title and abstract must be filed in Spanish). When filing in English, a sworn Spanish translation must be submitted within a 10-business day window after filing.

Given Argentina is a non-PCT country, sworn Spanish translation of priority documents and assignments (if requested) must be filed three (3) months after filing.



Term for filing

In Argentina, the deadline for filing is 12 months from the oldest priority date.



Patent term, grant, and maintenance

The patent term is 20 years from the convention filing.



Terms for requesting examination

After filing a patent application, an examination must be requested to decide whether the application meets the requirements to be granted a patent. In Argentina, examination must be requested within 18 months from the date of filing.



Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

PPH is available in Argentina through the following agreements:



Latin America (PROSUR)



United States (USPTO)



Patent Annuities

Applicants in Argentina are required to pay all due annuities counted from the third year, once granting is notified. All future annuities are due every year on the filing date. A 6-month grace period is available.



Local patent office

For filing in Argentina, you must address the local patent office: National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).

Their website is: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/inpi>



Patent Statistics

Total Filings	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-resident	2,562	3,263	3,132	2,997
Resident	930	406	444	421
Total	3,492	3,669	3,576	3,418

Argentina experienced a -4.4% decline in total patent applications in 2023, marking a second consecutive year of contraction. Non-resident filings fell by -4.3%, signaling cautious foreign investment in Argentina's IP landscape, while resident filings also dipped by -5.2%. Despite this decline, non-resident applicants still accounted for 88% of total filings, underscoring Argentina's reliance on foreign patent activity. The data suggests macroeconomic uncertainty and shifting global patenting strategies may be influencing international applicants' interest in the market.

Countries	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Direct	Total	Direct	Total	Direct	Total	Direct	Total
United States of America	1,058	1,058	1,411	1,411	1,306	1,306	1,299	1,299
Germany	302	302	293	293	231	231	251	251
China	75	75	72	72	129	129	129	206
United Kingdom	118	118	156	156	139	139	174	174
France	103	103	118	118	103	103	137	137
Japan	105	105	157	157	139	139	101	101
Switzerland	121	121	236	236	254	254	77	77
Belgium	31	31	47	47	52	52	60	60

The United States maintained its dominant position as Argentina's top non-resident filer, submitting 1,299 applications, nearly unchanged from 2022. China emerged as the biggest mover, increasing filings by 60% year-over-year, reinforcing its growing footprint in Latin America's patent landscape. In contrast, Switzerland saw a steep decline, dropping nearly 70% in filings, while Germany rebounded slightly. The top five filing countries continued to hold the majority share of non-resident applications, reflecting Argentina's continued reliance on key global players.

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BRAZIL

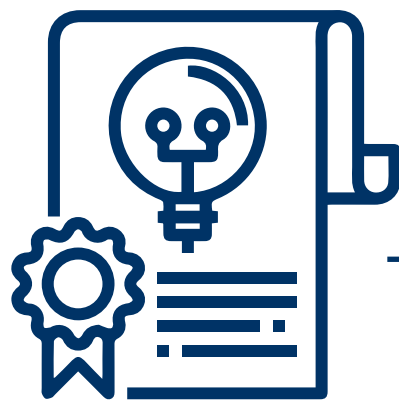
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Building a strong patent portfolio starts with your filing strategy. **For patent filing in Brazil, the largest economy in the region, you need to know the local patent office requirements.** This guide will take you through all filing requirements and important stats in Brazil.



Brazil patent filing requirements

When conducting a PCT national phase patent filing in Brazil, you are required to submit the following documents:

- International Application.
- Portuguese translation of the International Application (specification and claims).
- Drawings (if these exist and are necessary for support, you must submit them with filing given you will not be able to submit them later).
- Amendments made under Art. 19 or 34, and corresponding Portuguese translations.
- Certificate of Deposit of Biological Material (if applicable).
- Sequence Listings (if applicable).
- A signed copy of the Power of Attorney (no legalization required) – NOT MANDATORY FOR FILING BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID A FORMAL OFFICE ACTION.

For direct (Paris Convention) filings

- A certified copy of the Priority Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Portuguese translation thereof is also required.
- A simple copy of the Assignment Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Portuguese translation thereof is also required.



Brazil translation requirements

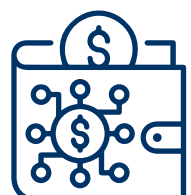
Even though Portuguese translation is mandatory, an English version may be submitted with patent filing in Brazil. However, the title, abstract and claims must be in Portuguese with filing. The entire Portuguese translation must then be submitted up to 30 days after filing.

For direct filings, simple Portuguese translation of priority documents and assignments must be filed three (3) months after filing.



Term for filing

In Brazil, the deadline for filing the national phase requirements under PCT Article 39(a) is 30 months from the priority date.



Patent term, grant, and maintenance

Once the patent is granted, payment of Patent Grant fees is required. These must be paid within 60 days from the issuance notice.

In Brazil, maintenance fees apply for patents pending and must be paid annually starting the 3rd year from the filing date.

On the other hand, the patent term is 20 years from the international filing date.



Terms for requesting examination









After filing a patent application, an examination must be requested to decide whether the application meets the requirements to be granted a patent. In Brazil, an examination must be requested within 36 months from the international filing date for a PCT application, or the Brazilian filing date for conventional applications.



Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

The PPH (Patent Prosecution Highway) is a procedure that speeds up the processing of a patent application, based on the favorable result obtained in a foreign office, with which a cooperation agreement has been reached.

PPH is available in Brazil through the following agreements:

-  PROSUL (Latin America)
-  United States
-  Japan
-  China
-  EPO (Europe)
-  Korea
-  France
-  Among others



Patent Annuities

The first annuity payment must be made between 24 months after the filing date and the end of the 3rd month of the 3rd year after the patent is filed and it must be paid in this time window every year thereafter.

If you fail to pay the annuity fee within this time frame, there is a grace period of six months after the deadline, but it has additional costs. If you do not pay the fees during this period, your application will be abandoned, and if you already have a patent grant, the patent registration will be extinguished. Therefore, it is very important to make these payments on time.



Local patent office

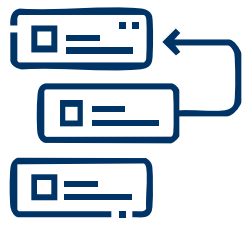
For filing in Brazil you must address the local patent office: the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).

Their website is: <https://www.gov.br/inpi/en>



Reinstatement of rights

In Brazil, requests for restoration of priority rights due to lapsed national phase entry are accepted in accordance with PCT Rule 49.6



Prosecution backlog improvement

Brazilian prosecution backlog has certainly improved in the last five years due to pivotal campaigns reducing average prosecution from 11.5 to about 8 years.

As a result, the number of decisions published by the INPI went from 7,152 in 2015 to 51,588 in 2020, representing an increase of more than 700%.



Patent Statistics


Total Filings	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-resident	19,058	19,566	20,361	20,396
Direct	1,233	1,230	1,324	1,329
PCT	17,825	18,336	19,037	19,067
Resident	5,280	4,666	4,398	4,973
Total	24,338	24,232	24,579	25,369

Brazil saw a 3.9% increase in total patent applications in 2023, reaching 50,738 filings. Non-resident applications continued to dominate, accounting for 80% of total filings, with a slight 0.2% year-over-year increase. The stability in non-resident filings reflects Brazil's position as a key IP destination in Latin America. Resident filings, after three consecutive years of decline, rebounded by 13.1%, signaling renewed domestic innovation and potential recovery in the local patent ecosystem. The data suggests growing interest in IP protection from Brazilian applicants despite broader economic challenges.

Countries	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total
United States of America	6,510	588	7,098	6,325	573	6,898	7,214	534	7,748	7,126	545	7,671
China	1,137	31	1,168	1,264	34	1,298	1,572	42	1,614	1,595	53	1,648
Germany	1,558	108	1,666	1,616	141	1,757	1,414	176	1,590	1,473	161	1,634
Switzerland	1,001	25	1,026	1,259	19	1,278	1,274	18	1,292	1,326	38	1,364
Japan	1,420	139	1,559	1,127	130	1,257	1,008	111	1,119	989	88	1,077
France	930	97	1,027	989	75	1,064	799	87	886	804	68	872

The United States remains the largest non-resident filer in Brazil, maintaining a steady volume of 7,671 applications, despite a marginal -1% dip from 2022. China continued its upward trajectory, reaching 1,648 filings, marking a 2% increase and solidifying its position as the second-largest foreign filer. Germany and Switzerland also saw modest gains, whereas Japan experienced a continued decline, dropping to 1,077 filings in 2023. The resilience of top filers highlights Brazil's ongoing attractiveness for international patent applicants, with a steady balance between PCT and direct filings.

CHILE



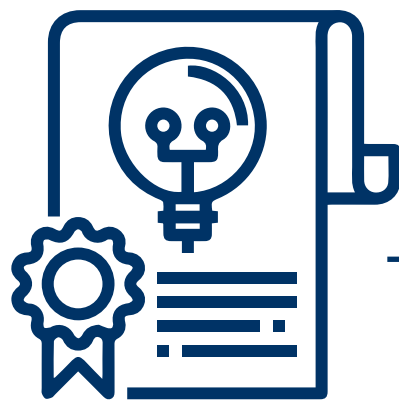
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Patent requirements

When conducting a PCT national phase patent filing in Chile, you must submit the following documents:

- Applicant's full particulars (name, address). If these data are different from the ones that appear in the PCT publication, the form PCT/IB/306 should be submitted.
- Inventor's full particulars (name, address). If these data are different from the ones that appear in the PCT publication, the form PCT/IB/306 should be submitted.
- Title of the invention.
- A Spanish description of the invention with claims and drawings.
- An abstract.
- Sequence listing, if applicable.
- Power of Attorney - NOT MANDATORY FOR FILING BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID FORMAL OFFICE ACTION.

For direct (Paris Convention) filings only

- A certified copy of the Priority Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.
- A simple copy of the Assignment Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.



Translation Requirements

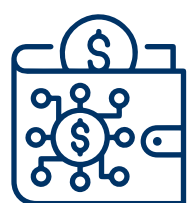
Even though Spanish translation is mandatory, an English version may be submitted with patent filing in Chile. The entire Spanish translation must then be submitted up to 30 days after filing.

For direct filings, simple Spanish translation of priority documents and assignments must be filed three (3) months after filing.



Term for filing

In Chile, the national phase of a PCT application should be filed before or during a period of **30 months** from the priority date.



Patent term, grant, and maintenance

If the application meets the patentability requirements, the INAPI (local patent office in Chile) will issue the resolution granting the industrial property right. Once the application is accepted, there is a 60-working-day period to pay the final registration fees. Failure to pay these fees will result in the abandonment of the application.

Finally, INAPI will issue the **Official Certificate of Registration upon payment of the corresponding maintenance fee**, which are five years of protection (quinquennium) for designs and utility models, and **ten years of protection (decennium) for patents**.

If the patent or utility model application had no oppositions, it may take between 3 to 5 years to be granted. On the other hand, depending on the complexity of the case (e.g., multiple objections, oppositions, rejections, appeals, etc.) and the technical field of the invention, it may take even longer.



Terms for requesting examination

After the application is duly filed, the INAPI will perform a **Preliminary Examination** to verify that the corresponding documents have been filed according to the type of application, and that it meets the minimum formal requirements to continue its prosecution. The examiner may or may not raise observations to the application.

In case there are observations, the applicant must respond within 60 working days, making the necessary amendments, clarifications, or filing required additional documentation. Failure to respond to the examiner's observations within the established period will result in that the application will be considered as "not filed".

In case there are no observations, or a response was timely filed, the application will be accepted for continuing its prosecution and will be **published in the Official Gazette upon payment of publication fees** within 60 working days from the date of acceptance.

Once the application is published in the Official Gazette, third parties can file oppositions for 45 working days.

Regardless of filing an opposition, INAPI will require the payment of examination fees within 60 working days from the deadline to file oppositions, to conduct a Substantive Examination.





Once this fee is paid, INAPI will appoint an expert on the matter of the patent, who will issue an expert report (official action) within 60 working days from the date of his/her appointment as expert of the case.



Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

The PPH (Patent Prosecution Highway) is a procedure that speeds up the processing of a patent application, based on the favorable result obtained in a foreign office, with which a cooperation agreement has been reached.

PPH is available in Chile through the following agreements:

-  PROSUR (Latin America).
-  Colombia, Mexico and Peru (PACIFIC ALLIANCE).
-  China.
-  Under the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (Global PPH) pilot, a request for accelerated processing can be made in Chile.



Patent Annuities

The fees for the first 10 years of protection for patents, 5 years of protection for utility models and 5 years of protection for industrial designs are included in the grant fees. For the renewal fees (10 years for patents, 5 years for utility models and 10 years for industrial designs), it is possible to choose one of the following options: 1) Pay the second decade/five-years of maintenance fees at once, or 2) pay the maintenance fees in annual installments.



Local patent office

For filing in Chile, you must address the local patent office: Chile's patent office is the National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI).

Their website is:

Link: <https://www.inapi.cl/en>



Reinstatement of rights

If the time limit for the national phase entry has expired, the applicant may file a request for the reinstatement of the priority right, if they prove that failure to meet the deadline was not intentional or occurred despite due diligence. Such request must tell the reasons for the failure to comply with the time limit, provide evidence and pay the corresponding fee.

However, it is important to note that the INAPI rarely accepts requests for reinstatement of rights. There are only a few exceptions to this, such as in cases of natural or humanitarian catastrophes that make it physically impossible for the applicant to enter the national phase in Chile. Another exception is when the Receiving Office of the PCT application has made an administrative error regarding the filing date or similar circumstances.

For pending application, if the applicant does not comply with any requirement made by INAPI, other than those required in the preliminary examination, the application shall be considered abandoned. Notwithstanding the above, the applicant may request the revival of the application if they meet the processing requirements within the following 45 days as from the expiration of the original term that gave rise to the abandonment, without losing the right of priority. Upon expiration of the 45-day term, if the applicant has not corrected the errors or omissions, the application shall be considered as definitively abandoned.



Patent Statistics

Total Filings	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-resident	2,433	2,680	2,764	2,856
Direct	80	81	85	99
PCT	2,353	2,599	2,679	2,757
Resident	372	402	372	395
Total	2,805	3,082	3,136	3,251

Chile's patent filings grew by 3.6% in 2023, reaching 6,502 total applications. Non-resident filings accounted for 88% of all applications, continuing their steady growth trend with a 3.3% increase year-over-year. The bulk of non-resident filings came through the PCT route, reinforcing Chile's role as a strategic entry point for international patents in Latin America. Meanwhile, resident filings rebounded after a slight dip in 2022, increasing by 6.2%, suggesting a modest resurgence in local innovation efforts.

Countries	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total
United States of America	781	17	798	949	1,343	968	899	27	926	1,007	36	1,043
Germany	225	1	226	222	126	226	215	8	223	213	4	217
Switzerland	173	4	177	219	0	219	210	1	211	213	1	214
China	100	6	106	73	4	77	191	3	194	151	11	162
United Kingdom	79	1	80	100	0	100	127	0	127	119	1	120
Japan	110	0	110	96	7	103	100	6	106	89	3	92

The United States remains the dominant non-resident filer in Chile, surpassing 1,000 filings for the first time, representing a 12.6% growth from 2022. Germany, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom saw relatively stable filing activity, while China experienced a slight decline, dropping to 162 filings after a peak in 2022. Japan's filings continued to decrease, reaching just 92 applications. The data indicates a concentration of filings among top economies, with the U.S. further strengthening its lead in Chile's IP landscape.

COLOMBIA

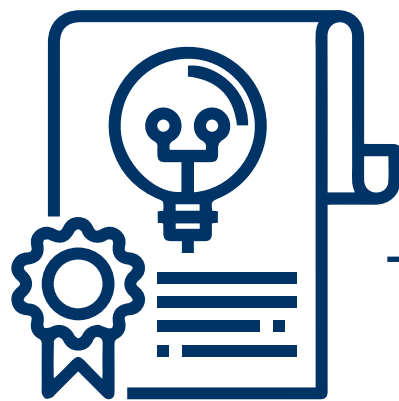
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Patent requirements

When conducting a PCT national phase patent filing in Colombia, you are required to submit the following documents:

- International Application.
- Spanish translation of the International Application (Abstract, specification and claims).
- Drawings (if these exist and are necessary for support, you must submit them with filing given you will not be able to submit them later).
- Certificate of Deposit for biological material (if applicable).
- Sequence Listings (if applicable).
- Amendments made under Art. 19 or 34, and corresponding Spanish translations.
- Power of Attorney. - NOT MANDATORY FOR FILING BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID FORMAL OFFICE ACTION.

For direct (Paris Convention) filings only

- Final Specification document (Abstract, specification and claims), and Spanish translation thereof.
- Drawings (if these exist and are necessary for support, you must submit them with filing given you will not be able to submit them later).
- Applicant's full particulars (name, address).

- ✓ Inventor's full particulars (name, address).
- ✓ A certified copy of the Priority Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.
- ✓ A simple copy of the Assignment Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.



Translation Requirements

When patent filing in Colombia, a Spanish translation is mandatory upon filing.

For direct filings, a simple Spanish translation of priority documents and assignments must be filed three (3) months after filing.



Term for filing

PCT: 31 months from first priority.

National phase entry: Restoration of rights is possible (PCT Art. 22).

Paris Convention: 12 months.



Patent term, grant, and maintenance

No patent grant fees are required.

The patent term is 20 years from the PCT international filing date. For direct filings, the patent term is 20 years from the Colombian filing date.



Terms for requesting examination

After filing a patent application, an examination must be requested to decide whether the application meets the requirements to be granted a patent. In Colombia, an examination must be requested within 6 months from the publication of the application.



Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

PPH is available in Colombia through the following agreements:

-  Latin America (PROSUR)
-  United States (USPTO)
-  Japan (JPO)
-  South Korea (KIPO)
-  Spain (OEPM)
-  Europe (EPO)
-  Chile, Mexico and Peru (PACIFIC ALLIANCE)
-  Global Patent Prosecution Highway (GPPH)



Patent Annuities

The first annuity payment is due on the last day of the month of the international filing date, after the patent grant. Two or more annuity fees may be paid in advance. Annuity fees may be paid within a 6-month grace period after the starting date of the corresponding annuity period, including a surcharge. The patent shall remain in force during the grace period. To maintain your patent, annuities must be paid every year. Otherwise, your patent will result in abandonment.



Local patent office

For filing in Colombia, you must address the local patent office: Colombia's patent office is the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (SIC).

Their website is:

Link: <https://www.sic.gov.co/>



Reinstatement of rights

The Colombian Patent Office does not accept the restoration of priority rights (PCT Rule 49ter.2), despite the fact WIPO might have accepted a priority right reinstatement.



Patent Statistics

Total Filings	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-resident	1,752	1,855	1,928	1,746
Direct	53	44	56	48
PCT	1,699	1,811	1,872	1,698
Resident	369	432	1,104	266
Total	2,121	2,287	3,032	2,012

Colombia experienced a sharp -33.7% decline in total patent applications in 2023, falling to 4,024 filings. This drop was driven by a dramatic -75.9% decrease in resident filings, which fell to just 266 applications after an anomalous surge in 2022. Non-resident filings also dipped by 9.4%, primarily due to a decline in PCT applications. The drop in both domestic and foreign filings raises concerns about Colombia's innovation landscape and its attractiveness as a patent jurisdiction.

Countries	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total
United States of America	670	16	686	731	6	737	762	10	772	715	10	724
Switzerland	106	1	107	119	0	119	124	0	124	108	0	109
Germany	109	1	110	103	1	104	102	1	103	86	3	89
Sweden	122	1	123	147	0	147	102	0	102	81	0	81
France	75	10	85	84	4	88	81	2	83	68	6	74
United Kingdom	38	1	39	40	2	42	66	1	67	66	1	67
India	50	4	54	59	12	71	67	17	84	63	4	67

The United States remained the top foreign filer in Colombia with 724 applications, though it saw a 6.2% decline from 2022. Switzerland and Germany also recorded modest declines, while Sweden saw a sharp drop of -20.6%. India, which had increased filings in recent years, saw a notable decrease from 84 to 67 applications. Notably, China dropped out of Colombia's top seven filers, reflecting a broader trend of declining Chinese filings across Latin America in 2023.



COSTA RICA

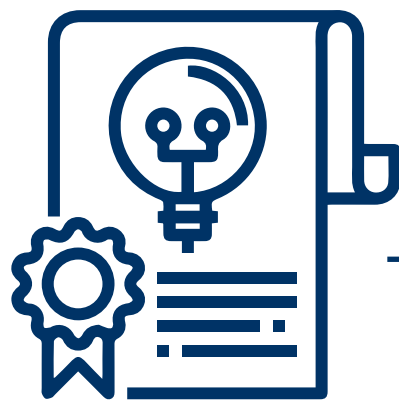
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Patent requirements

When conducting a PCT national phase patent filing in Costa Rica, you are required to submit the following documents:



- Identification of the PCT application.
- Complete identification of the applicant, including citizenship, domicile, or incorporation place if the applicant is a corporation.

Power of attorney duly authenticated by a notary public in the document's origin.
- The power may be filed with a term of one month, counted as from the local filing date of the application. - NOT MANDATORY FOR FILING BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID FORMAL OFFICE ACTION.
- Information concerning the priority application, if applicable.
- Patent document including specification, claims, summary, and drawings. This document is necessary for obtaining an application date and number.
- Spanish translation of the Patent document if it is in a different language*.
- Assignment document from the inventors to the applicant, duly authenticated by a notary public and subsequently apostilled. This document will not be necessary if, during the international phase, declarations under rule 4.17.II have been timely submitted by the applicant.*



*This document may be filed within a term of two months come counted us from the corresponding requirement by the Costa Rican patent office.

For direct (Paris Convention) filings only

-  A certified copy of the Priority Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.
-  A simple copy of the Assignment Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.



Translation Requirements

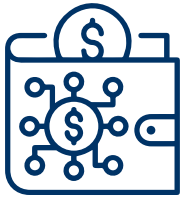
When patent filing in Costa Rica, spanish translation is mandatory upon filing.

For direct filings, a simple Spanish translation of priority documents and assignments must be filed three (3) months after filing.



Term for filing

In Costa Rica, the deadline for filing is 31 months counted as from the priority date.



Patent term, grant, and maintenance

Patents are granted for 20 years counted as from the international application date.

To obtain the patent number and the corresponding certificate, a registration fee of 500 USD must be paid in accordance with article 33 f of the Patent Law. The registration fee covers the first annuity.

Additionally, in accordance with article 33 bis of the Patent Law and 46 of the Patent Law Regulations, annuity payments are required to maintain the patent in force. The annuities corresponding to the prosecution year must be paid upon registration. The current, official annuity fee is 500 USD per year.

Subsequent annuities must be paid each year before the end of the anniversary month, considering the PCT international application date or within a grace period of six months with a 30% surcharge. One or more annuities may be paid in advance.

Once a patent is registered before the National Registry, it cannot be abandoned due to inactivity.

In accordance with the currently applicable regulations, to close a patent file an express waiver to the registration, which requires publication in the official gazette to be effective, must be filed.



Terms for requesting examination

Three months counted from the CRPO requirement notification. Said notification usually occurs within a period of 18 months counted from publication in the Costa Rican official gazette.



Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

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PPH is available in Costa Rica through the following bilateral and multilateral agreements:



PROSUL (Latin America)



Patent Annuities

Annuities payments must be up to date to proceed with the corresponding closing.



Local patent office

For filing in Costa Rica, you must address the local patent office: Costa Rica's patent office is the National Registry of Industrial Property.

Their website is:

Link: http://www.registracional.go.cr/propiedad_industrial/index.htm



Reinstatement of rights

Yes, the Costa Rica patent office accepts requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3) applying the “due care” criterion.



Patent Statistics

Total Filings	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-resident	524	566	577	475
Direct	16	10	4	9
PCT	508	556	573	466
Resident	12	15	9	18
Total	536	58vv1	586	493

Costa Rica saw a sharp -15.9% decline in total patent filings in 2023, falling to 986 applications. The drop was primarily driven by a -17.7% decrease in non-resident filings, which make up the vast majority of the country's patent activity. PCT applications, in particular, saw a steep decline, dropping from 577 in 2022 to 481 in 2023. However, resident filings showed a modest increase, rising to 18 applications, with a notable rise in PCT filings from 4 to 15.

Countries	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total
United States of America	234	6	240	274	8	282	279	0	279	260	7	267
Switzerland	53	4	57	57	0	57	66	0	66	44	0	44
Germany	87	0	87	58	0	58	56	0	56	29	0	29
Japan	10	0	10	11	0	11	24	0	24	15	0	15
Sweden	4	0	4	15	0	15	8	0	8	12	0	12
United Kingdom	15	0	15	19	0	19	22	0	22	11	0	11
United Kingdom	15	0	15	19	0	19	22	0	22	9	0	9

The United States remained Costa Rica's top foreign filer with 267 applications, though this marked a slight -4.9% decline from 2022. Switzerland and Germany both saw sharp drops, with the latter's filings falling by nearly 50%. Meanwhile, Japan, Sweden, and the United Kingdom all reported lower filings than in previous years. China's filings remained flat at 9 applications, but it continued to rank lower compared to other leading filers, reinforcing the broader trend of declining Chinese interest in Latin America.



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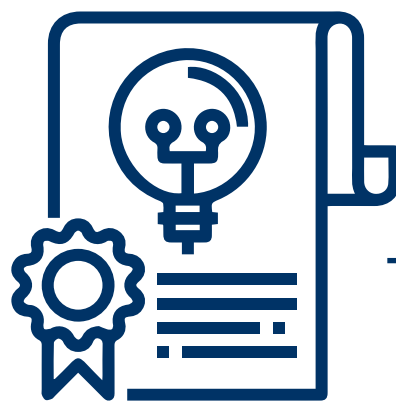
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Patent requirements

When conducting a PCT national phase patent filing in Mexico, you are required to submit the following documents:

- Specification, claims, abstract as filed with WIPO.
- Drawings (if these exist and are necessary for support, you must submit them with filing given you will not be able to submit them later).
- Amendments carried out during the International Phase under PCT articles 19 and/or 34.
- Sequence Listing, if any.
- Certificate of Deposit of Biological Material (if applicable).
- Power of Attorney. - NOT MANDATORY FOR FILING BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID FORMAL OFFICE ACTION.
- Assignment of Rights: if the same was not filed during the International Phase or if the Applicant in the Mexican case is different than the one appearing in the international phase, it must be submitted.

For direct (Paris Convention) filings only

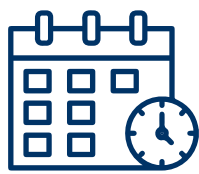
- A certified copy of the Priority Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.
- A simple copy of the Assignment Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.



Translation Requirements

Even though Spanish translation is mandatory, an English version may be submitted with patent filing in Mexico. The entire Spanish translation must then be submitted up to 30 days after filing.

For direct filings, simple Spanish translation of priority documents and assignments must be filed three (3) months after filing.

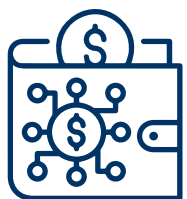


Term for filing

PCT: 30 months from first priority.

No restoration possible.

Paris Convention: 12 months.



Patent term, grant, and maintenance

Granting fees and first 5 years of validity should be paid in response to the Notice of Allowance.

Failing to submit payment within the 2-month period (extendable by an additional 2 months) will result in abandonment.



Terms for requesting examination










To respond to an office action: 2 months plus an additional 2-month extension. Failure to respond will result in abandonment.



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PPH is available in Mexico through the following agreements:

-  PROSUR (Latin America).
-  United States
-  Canada
-  Japan
-  China
-  Austria
-  Singapore
-  EPO (Europe)
-  Colombia, Peru and Chile (PACIFIC ALLIANCE)



Patent Annuities

Remaining annuities must be paid every five years before the expiration of the anniversary date. Annuities can be paid in an accumulated manner. Failure to pay maintenance fees implies the abandonment of the application. A 6-month grace period is available to submit the annuities payment, and an additional 6-month period is also available to submit a restitution request, which includes a penalty fee.



Local patent office

For filing in Mexico, you must address the local patent office: Mexico's patent office is the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI).

Link: <https://www.gob.mx/impi>



Reinstatement of rights

No reinstatement in Mexico is allowed.



Patent Statistics

Total Filings	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-resident	13,180	15,044	15,622	14,652
Direct	1,706	2,079	1,917	2,122
PCT	11,474	12,965	13,705	12,530
Resident	1,132	1,117	983	978
Total	14,312	16,161	16,605	15,630

Mexico saw a -5.9% drop in total patent applications in 2023, falling to 31,260 filings. This decline was primarily driven by a -6.2% decrease in non-resident applications, which make up the bulk of filings in the country. PCT filings, in particular, dropped by 8.6%, signaling a reduced reliance on Mexico as an entry point for international patents. Resident filings remained relatively flat, with only a slight -0.5% decline.

Countries	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total
United States of America	5,226	980	6,206	6,130	1,343	7,473	6,396	1,272	7,668	5,624	1,335	6,959
Germany	914	120	1,034	884	126	1,010	899	118	1,017	837	140	977
China	556	22	578	687	53	740	771	63	834	781	90	871
Japan	839	80	919	764	80	844	743	53	796	732	72	804
Switzerland	556	76	632	649	46	695	711	63	774	730	60	790
United Kingdom	930	39	366	382	49	431	485	29	514	477	38	515
France	930	36	434	488	42	530	432	22	454	404	28	432

The United States retained its position as Mexico's leading non-resident filer with 6,959 applications, though this marked a sharp -9.2% decline from 2022. Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom also saw slight drops in filings, while China managed to increase its filings by 4.4%, bucking the trend seen in other Latin American countries. Nearly all top filers increased their Direct filings in 2023, with notable growth from China and Japan.

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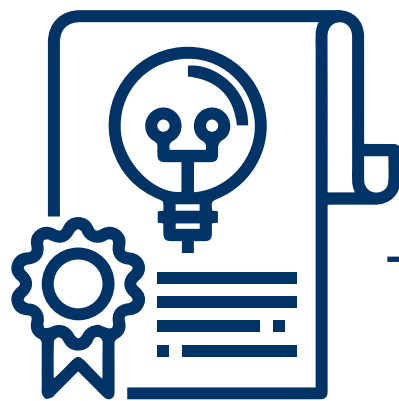
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Patent requirements

When conducting a PCT national phase patent filing in Peru, you must submit the following documents:

- International Application.
 - Information about the applicant(s) and the inventor(s);
 - The title of the invention, description, claims, drawings, and an abstract;
- Spanish translation of the International Application.
- Patent specifications (abstract, description, claims and drawings) in Spanish and in Word format.
- Proof of payment of the prescribed fees.
- Request to grant a patent.
- Date and number of the priority application; Copy of the priority document, PCT application number or ISR (International search report) if it applies.
- Copy of any amendment made to the patent specifications if it applies.
- Power of attorney signed. The template of this document will be sent once the service request is confirmed. - NOT MANDATORY FOR FILING BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID FORMAL OFFICE ACTION.

For direct (Paris Convention) filings only

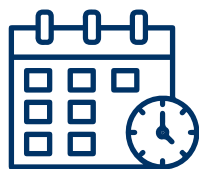
- A certified copy of the Priority Document is required four (3) months after filing. A Spanish translation thereof is also required.
- A simple copy of the Assignment Document is required three (3) months after filing. A simple Spanish translation thereof is also required.



Translation Requirements

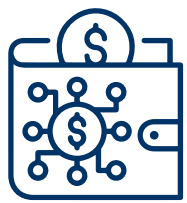
When patent filing in Peru, a Spanish translation is mandatory upon filing.

For direct filings, a simple Spanish translation of priority documents and assignments must be filed three (3) months after filing.



Term for filing

In Peru, the deadline for filing the national phase is 30 months from the priority date.



Patent term, grant, and maintenance

Patent maintenance fee must be paid starting from the first year counting from the international filing date. The maintenance fee shall be paid annually in advance. Patents are granted for twenty years from the filing date.



Terms for requesting examination

The Request for examination must be filed within 6 months from the publication date, the cost is included in our filing fees. In Peru it is possible to request an accelerated examination under the PPH (Patent Prosecution Highway).



Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

The PPH (Patent Prosecution Highway) is a procedure that speeds up the processing of a patent application, based on the favorable result obtained in a foreign office, with which a cooperation agreement has been reached. Under the Global PPH pilot program, a request for accelerated processing can be made in Peru.

PPH is also available in Peru through the following bilateral and multilateral agreements:



PROSUR (Latin America).



Japan



EPO (Europe)



Spain



Chile, Colombia and Mexico (PACIFIC ALLIANCE)



Patent Annuities

Annuities must be paid yearly.



Local patent office

For filing in Peru you must address the local patent office: Peru's patent office is the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI).

Their website is:

Link: <https://www.gob.pe/indecopi>

It is important to note that this website is only in Spanish.



Reinstatement of rights

In Peru, the term for national phase entry can be restored by an additional two months if the applicant provides sufficient proof of the reason for missing the deadline.



Patent Statistics

Total Filings	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-resident	1,142	1,141	1,273	1,151
Direct	52	45	46	44
PCT	1,090	1,096	1,227	1,107
Resident	125	94	176	189
Total	1,267	1,235	1,449	1,340

Peru saw a -7.5% decline in total patent applications in 2023, with filings falling to 2,680. This decrease was primarily driven by a -9.6% drop in non-resident filings, which make up the majority of the country's patent activity. Resident filings, on the other hand, continued their steady growth, increasing by 7.4% year-over-year. The data suggests a positive trend in local innovation, despite a broader decline in foreign patent interest.

Countries	2020			2021			2022			2023		
	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total	PCT	Direct	Total
United States of America	388	15	403	424	11	435	474	15	489	474	15	489
Switzerland	84	2	86	74	0	74	94	1	95	94	1	95
Germany	80	0	80	62	1	63	78	4	82	78	4	82
Japan	49	0	49	39	1	40	64	2	66	64	2	66
Korea	26	1	27	26	3	29	20	2	22	39	0	39
Spain	35	6	41	38	4	42	45	2	47	45	2	47

The United States remained Peru's top non-resident filer with 431 applications, though filings declined by -11.9% from 2022. Switzerland, Germany, and Japan all saw similar drops, while South Korea increased its filings, securing a more prominent position among Peru's top filers. Notably, China dropped out of the top seven filers in Peru, continuing its broader decline in Latin America.