

# Paris Convention Country Guide

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TRANSLATION & FILING  
REQUIREMENTS



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## INTRODUCTION

*The International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property was first signed by 11 countries in 1883 in Paris. It has since come to be known as the Paris Convention. Currently, there are 177 member states, including several countries that are not members of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).*

*Patent holders can choose to file directly under the provisions of the Paris Convention, either as an alternative to or in combination with filing via the PCT process.*

*This guide provides specific requirements for filing a Paris Convention application in 30 of the most frequently filed countries.*

Disclaimer: The information listed here is accurate as of July 2021.

# INTRODUCTION

## What are the advantages of the Paris Convention?

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The Paris Convention is an international treaty that allows applicants to file a single “priority” application in one of the member states, and within 12 months to file Paris Convention applications in any of the other cooperating countries (with the benefit of the priority filing date).

If any prior art is published prior to the Convention application but after the priority application, it will not affect the novelty of the invention.

Additionally, the 12-month period allows the applicant enough time to obtain funding to file the application in other countries.

## When to use the Paris Convention?

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Patent holders should consider filing directly through the Paris Convention route when:

- ✓ Filing in non-PCT countries such as Argentina, Venezuela and Taiwan
- ✓ Filing in just a handful of countries
- ✓ An invention needs quick grant, since it ensures faster examination and likely faster approval.

# INTRODUCTION

## Terminology: Priority Date vs Filing Date

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In this guide, we reference both the priority date and the filing date for patents in each country. It's important to understand the difference between these two terms:



- ✓ The **filing date** is the date a patent application was actually submitted to a national or regional patent office.
- ✓ The **priority date** is the filing date of the earliest application for which priority is claimed.

# ARGENTINA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Spanish
Translation Deadline	10 working days from filing date
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	Yes, within 40 working days from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	Any time during prosecution
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date of priority document
Request for Examination	18 months from filing date
Average Time to Grant	4-8 years



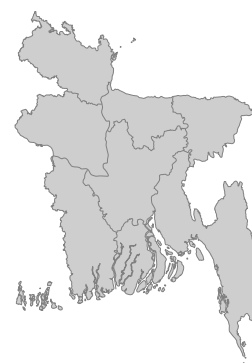
# AUSTRALIA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English
Translation Deadline	2 months from notification
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 20
POA Required?	No
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	N/A
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	5 years from filing date or 2 months from invitation
Average Time to Grant	6 years for standard applications; 2 months for innovation patents



# BANGLADESH

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English or Bangladeshi
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 25
POA Required?	Yes, on filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	18 months



# BOLIVIA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Spanish
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 2 months from notification
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	2 months from notification
Request for Examination	6 months from publication
Average Time to Grant	4-6 years



# BRAZIL

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Portuguese
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	Yes, 2 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	6 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	3 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	12 years



# CANADA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English or French
Translation Deadline	2 months from notification
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	No
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date or 4 months from filing date, whichever is later
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	4 years from filing date, extendable to 2 months from notification
Average Time to Grant	6-8 years





# CHINA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Chinese (simplified)
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	Yes, upon notification (term set by office)
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	3 years from priority date
Average Time to Grant	3-6 years



# EAPO (EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION)

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Russian
Translation Deadline	2 months from filing date (extendable by 2 months)
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 5
POA Required?	No
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	6 months from publication of Search Report
Average Time to Grant	3-4 years



# EPO (EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANIZATION)

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English, French or German
Translation Deadline	2 months from filing date
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 15
POA Required?	No
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	6 months from publication of Search Report
Average Time to Grant	4 years



# INDIA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	Yes, 3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from invitation
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from invitation
Request for Examination	4 years from priority date
Average Time to Grant	4-6 years



# INDONESIA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Indonesian
Translation Deadline	30 working days from filing date
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	Yes, 3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Request for Examination	3 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	3-4 years



# IRAQ

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Arabic
Translation Deadline	6 months from filing date
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 6 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	6 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	2 years



# ISRAEL



Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English or Hebrew
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 50
POA Required?	Yes, 3 months from official communication (extendable by 6 months upon payment of fees)
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	12 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	3-6 years

# JAPAN



Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Japanese
Translation Deadline	16 months from priority date (and thereafter, 2 months from notification)
Excess Claim Fees	N/A (but examination request fee and maintenance fee depend on number of claims)
POA Required?	No (in special cases only)
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date (and thereafter, 2 months from notification)
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A
Request for Examination	3 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	4-6 years

# Lebanon

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Arabic, English or French (but abstract must be in Arabic)
Translation Deadline	3 months from filing date
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 1 month from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	Unknown



# Mexico

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Spanish
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 2 months from receipt of invitation (extendable by 2 months)
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date (must be sent together with certified copy of priority application)
Request for Examination	Upon filing
Average Time to Grant	3-5 years



# NEPAL

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English or Nepalese
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, upon filing
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	12 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	Upon filing
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	8-10 years



# NEW ZEALAND

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English
Translation Deadline	N/A
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each 5th claim over 25
POA Required?	No
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	2 months from invitation, but no later than 5 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	2-3 years



# PAKISTAN

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 20
POA Required?	Yes
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	2.5 years



# PARAGUAY

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Spanish
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 60 working days from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Request for Examination	3 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	3-5 years



# RUSSIA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Russian
Translation Deadline	3 months from invitation
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	N/A
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	3 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	3.5 years (6-8 months from filing the request for examination)



# SAUDI ARABIA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English & Arabic (both required)
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each independent claim exceeding the first and for each dependent claim exceeding 5
POA Required?	Yes, 2 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	2-3 years





# SINGAPORE

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English
Translation Deadline	2 months from request
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 20
POA Required?	No
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	N/A
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	There are a number of search and examination options, and each option has its own deadline
Average Time to Grant	3-5 years




# SOUTH AFRICA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English
Translation Deadline	3 months from filing date
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 6 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	6 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	6 months from filing date
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	1.5-2 years



# SOUTH KOREA



Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Korean
Translation Deadline	14 months from priority date
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, examination fee depends on number of claims
POA Required?	Yes, 1 month from notification (extendable by 1 month upon request)
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	3 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	16-18 months from filing the request for substantive examination

# TAIWAN



Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Chinese (traditional)
Translation Deadline	4 months from filing date (2 month extension available)
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	Yes, 4 months from filing date (2 month extension available)
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	16 months from priority date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A
Request for Examination	3 years from filing date
Average Time to Grant	1.5-2 years

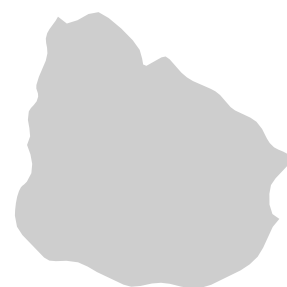
# UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Arabic or English
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A
Request for Examination	90 days from filing date
Average Time to Grant	5-6 years



# URUGUAY

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Spanish
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 10
POA Required?	Yes, 1 month from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	6 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	6 months from filing date
Request for Examination	4 months from publication date
Average Time to Grant	6-8 years



# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	English
Translation Deadline	Upon notice from USPTO
Excess Claim Fees	Yes, for each claim exceeding 20 and for each independent claim exceeding 3
POA Required?	No
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	As soon as possible, but must be filed before the patent is granted
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	N/A (only upon request)
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	2.7 years



# VENEZUELA

Convention Filing Deadline	12 months from priority date
Filing Language(s)	Spanish
Translation Deadline	Upon filing
Excess Claim Fees	N/A
POA Required?	Yes, 3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Certified Copy of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Deadline to Send Translation of Priority Application	3 months from filing date
Request for Examination	N/A
Average Time to Grant	Unknown



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