



Patent

Country	Priority claim	Novelty	Validity Years	Extension Years	Substantive Examination	Pharmaceutical / Medical product / Patent	Annuity	Compulsory License/Use
Afghanistan	Patent law is not enforced in Afghanistan till date.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Algeria	Yes, within 31 months from the original filing date	as per the International Search Report (ISR)	20	N/A	N/A	YES	20 years	Applicable
Bahrain	YES	Absolute	20	YES	YES	YES	YES	Yes, 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the date of filing the patent application, whichever period is longer
China	12 months	YES	20	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES
Egypt	YES	Worldwide	20	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES
Erbil	Patent law is not enforced in Erbil	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Djibouti	YES	Absolute	20	N/A	YES	YES	YES	N/A
Gaza-Strip	NO	Local	16	N/A	N/A	YES	Yes, every 4 years	N/A
Iraq	YES	Absolute	20	N/A	YES	YES	Yes, after granting	N/A
Iran	YES	YES	20	N/A	YES	YES	20 years	N/A
India	Yes, convention application filing 12 months from Priority; NP entry is within 31 months from the priority	YES	20	NO	48 Months from the earliest priority	YES	3rd to 20th year, to be paid after grant of Patent	YES
Indonesia	YES	YES	20	N/A	Yes, based on request	YES	Yes. after grant	YES
Jordan	YES	Absolute, with 12 months grace period	20	N/A	YES	YES	Optional for conventional applications, while pending starting from the 1st annuity based on PCT filing date for national	N/A
Kenya	YES	YES	20	N/A	Yes, must be filed within 5 years from the filing date	YES	Yes, due on the anniversary date of filing the application	Yes, non-use for 3 consecutive years after grant of patent and any national urgency
Kuwait	YES	Absolute	20	N/A	YES	YES	Yes, after filing	N/A
Lebanon	YES	Absolute	20	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	N/A
Libya	YES	Local	15	5	N/A	YES	YES	N/A
Malaysia	YES, within 12 months from the preceding filing date.	YES (worldwide)	20 years subject to annuity payment from the grant date.	N/A	YES	YES	The first annuity fee is due one year from the date of grant, and payable before the first anniversary of the date of grant. There aren't annuity fees payable on a pending application and similarly, upon grant, there will be no back annuities payable in Malaysia.	N/A
Morocco	YES	Absolute	20	Maximum of 2.5 years if related to pharmaceutical products	N/A	Yes, black box application under US Free Trade Agreement	Yes, every 5 years	Yes, within 3 years
Nigeria	YES		20	N/A			Annually	

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Oman	12 Months	Absolute	20	N/A	YES	YES	Annually	Yes, after 3 years of grant
Pakistan	YES	YES	20	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES
Qatar	YES	YES	20	N/A	YES	YES	YES	YES
Russia	YES	YES	20	N/A	YES	YES	Every year	N/A
Saudi Arabia	YES	YES	20 years from the application filing date	N/A	YES	YES	Annuity fees should be paid at the beginning of each year (January 1st to March 31st) subsequent to the year in which the application is filed	YES
Sudan	YES	Absolute	N/A	NO	N/A	YES	YES	Yes, within 4 years from filing
Syria	YES	Absolute	20	N/A	YES	Yes, method only	Annually	N/A
Tanzania Mainland	YES	Absolute	10	Two 5 Years periods	YES	YES	Annually	YES
Tunisia	YES	YES	20	N/A	Yes, for pharmaceutical patent only	YES	Annually	Recommended and not obligatory
Turkey	YES	YES	20	N/A	YES	YES	From 3rd annuity up to 20th annuity for per year	YES
UAE	YES	YES	20	N/A	YES	YES	Annually	N/A
West Bank	NO	YES	16	NO	N/A	NO	Every 4 years	YES
Yemen	YES	Absolute	20	N/A	YES	NO	YES	YES
Zanzibar	YES	Absolute	20	N/A	YES	YES	Annually	YES
Nigeria	yes	No	20	N/A	YES	yes	Annually	YES