

Egypt Patent Filing Proposal

Important Tips

- ✓ Egypt is a member of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (**PCT**) (*since September 6th 2003*).
- ✓ Egypt is a member of Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification (*since October 17, 1975*).
- ✓ Protection Period of a registered patent in Egypt is **20 years** as of the application's national filing date, after which it turns to be a public property.
- ✓ The normal time frame for a patent application to mature into final registration is around 24 to 30 months passing a normal registration course without official rejections or third party's opposition actions.
- ✓ Priority is acceptable to be claimed in Egypt, provided that the priority claim is within (12) months as of the parent application's filing date (based on Paris Convention).
- ✓ The deadline to nationally enter a PCT application in Egypt is **30-month** as of the parent patent application's date.
- ✓ Use of patent is compulsory in Egypt. If the owner of a patented invention did not use the same within 3 years as of the date of the grant, or within 4 years from the filing date, which of the two periods is longer, or if working ceases for one year without an acceptable reason, then the patent will be subject to compulsory licensing under the provisions of the law. If within 2 years as of the grant of the compulsory license, the licensee does not exploit the patented invention, any interested party may apply to the Patent Office demanding the cancellation of the subject patent for non-working.

- ✓ Worldwide novelty requirement is requested.
- ✓ Software must be accompanied with hardware in order to be patented in Egypt.
- ✓ Assignment of patents is acceptable at any stage (*i.e. for granted patents as well as pending application*).
- ✓ Infringement of the rights of a patentee is punishable under the provisions of the current patent law.

Documents Required

❖ For filing a national Patent in Egypt:

- 1- A Power of Attorney duly signed by the applicant, to be legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate at your end.
 - 2- A deed of assignment legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate.
 - 3- An extract of the entry of the applicant company in the commercial register, or a copy of the certificate of incorporation (*to be legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate at your end*).
- * These documents are acceptable to be lately submitted within **4 months** as of the application's filing date.*
- 4- Arabic translation of the patent's specifications; which can be lately submitted at the EPO within **6 months** as of the application's filing date.
 - 5- The specification in English or French for preparing the Arabic translation. The specification must be subdivided as follows:
 - a. Prior art,
 - b. Drawbacks of the prior art,
 - c. What is new about the invention (improvements),
 - d. Detailed description,
 - e. Mode of exploitation of the invention,
 - 6- A summary of the invention (*abstract*) in English and Arabic.
 - 7- One clear set of the formal drawings.
 - 8- A certified copy of the priority document if claimed; which can be lately submitted within **3 months** as of the application's filing date.

Note: all late submission of documents is free of charges (at no extra costs).

❖ For National Phase Entry of PCT in Egypt:

- 1- A Power of Attorney duly signed by the applicant & legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate (*proposed form attached*); which can be lately submitted within **4 months** as of the application's filing date.
- 2- Arabic translation of the patent's specifications; which can be lately submitted at the EPO within **6 months** as of the application's filing date.

Total Registration Fees

Our **total costs** (official fees inclusive) for filing a patent application at the Egyptian Patent Office "EPO" (*up to grant*) are **USD 1,860.00**.

Costs Breakdown:

Item	Costs in USD
National Filing or PCT National Phase Entry	550.00
Official Examination fees	1,250.00
Claiming priority	00.00
Payment of 2 nd annuity fee (for PCT cases only)	60.00
Total	USD 1,860.00

Important Note:

Official Examination fees (i.e. USD 1,250.00) are acceptable to be **lately paid within 6 months** as of the application's filing date, at no extra cost.

Thus, the costs are acceptable to be either:

- A- Totally paid at once, **USD 1,860.00**; or
- B- Paid on two installments:
 - First Installment: At filing stage: **USD 610.00**
 - Second Installment: Before 6 months as of the application's date: **USD 1,250.00**

Miscellaneous Fees

- Arabic translation fees of Patent's specification: **USD 10.00/ per page** (i.e. page = 200 words).
- The Patent Office in most cases (*within 7-9 months as of our filing date*) tends to request for an attestation to our Arabic translation at their end; the total costs for the same (including official fees) are **USD 10.00 /per page**.
- Upon passing examination & publication procedures successfully, the invention will mature into registration, and a circulation of **5 certified copies** of our client's invention shall be requested by the Patent Office; the total costs for the same (including official fees) are **USD 10.00 /per page**.
- Forwarding the letter patent together with a certified & officially stamped copy of the registered patent specification (in Arabic) via registered airmail to your kind end, are all **free of charges**.

-- End of Proposal --

Thanks for your confidence in our services



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