

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 fall in public domain.
- ✓ 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 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 you 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 submitted lately 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 + One clear set of the formal drawings.
- 7- A certified copy of the priority document if claimed, which can be submitted within **3 months** as of the application's filing date.

** Note: all late submission of documents is free of charge (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 submitted lately at the EPO within **6 months** as of the application's filing date.

Total Registration Fees

➤ **For All Applicants (i.e., companies, individuals, or research centers):**

Our **total costs** (official fees inclusive) for filing a patent application at the Egyptian Patent Office "EPO" (*up to grant*), for companies, are **USD 2,090.00**.

Costs Breakdown:

Item	Official	Professional	Total Costs
National Filing or PCT National Phase Entry	3.00	467.00	470.00
Official Examination fees (conducted by EGPO)	500.00	320.00	820.00
Electronic preparation of the specification (<i>in English & Arabic languages</i>)	00.00	620.00	620.00
Claiming priority	00.00	70.00	70.00
Payment of 2 nd annuity fee (for corporate applicants)	00.40	109.60	110.00
Grand Total	503.40	1,586.60	USD 2,090.00

Important Note:

Official Examination fees (i.e., USD 820.00) are acceptable to be **paid later 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 2,090.00**; or

B- Paid on two installments:

1st: USD 1,270.00 (at filing stage)

2nd: USD 820.00 (within 6 months)



Annuity Fees

✓ If applicant is an individual:

Year	Official fee	Professional charge	Total costs
Payment of 2 nd Annuity	0.20	99.80	100
Payment of 3 rd Annuity	0.40	99.60	100
Payment of 4 th Annuity	0.80	109.20	110
Payment of 5 th Annuity	1.00	109.00	110
Payment of 6 th Annuity	1.50	118.50	120
Payment of 7 th Annuity	2.00	118.00	120
Payment of 8 th Annuity	2.50	127.50	130
Payment of 9 th Annuity	3.00	127.00	130
Payment of 10 th Annuity	3.50	146.50	150
Payment of 11 th Annuity	4.00	146.00	150
Payment of 12 th Annuity	5.00	155.00	160
Payment of 13 th Annuity	6.00	154.00	160
Payment of 14 th Annuity	7.00	163.00	170
Payment of 15 th Annuity	8.00	162.00	170
Payment of 16 th Annuity	9.00	171.00	180
Payment of 17 th Annuity	10.00	170.00	180
Payment of 18 th Annuity	10.00	180.00	190
Payment of 19 th Annuity	10.00	180.00	190
Payment of 20 th Annuity	10.00	190.00	200

✓ If applicant is a corporate:

Year	Official fee	Professional charge	Total costs
Payment of 2 nd Annuity	0.40	109.60	110
Payment of 3 rd Annuity	0.80	109.20	110
Payment of 4 th Annuity	1.60	118.40	120
Payment of 5 th Annuity	2.00	118.00	120
Payment of 6 th Annuity	3.00	127.00	130
Payment of 7 th Annuity	4.00	126.00	130
Payment of 8 th Annuity	5.00	135.00	140
Payment of 9 th Annuity	6.00	134.00	140
Payment of 10 th Annuity	7.00	153.00	160
Payment of 11 th Annuity	8.00	152.00	160
Payment of 12 th Annuity	10.00	160.00	170
Payment of 13 th Annuity	12.00	158.00	170
Payment of 14 th Annuity	14.00	166.00	180
Payment of 15 th Annuity	16.00	164.00	180
Payment of 16 th Annuity	18.00	172.00	190
Payment of 17 th Annuity	20.00	170.00	190
Payment of 18 th Annuity	20.00	180.00	200
Payment of 19 th Annuity	20.00	180.00	200
Payment of 20 th Annuity	20.00	190.00	210



Miscellaneous Fees

- Arabic translation fees of Patent's specification: **USD 12.00/ per page** (i.e., page = 200 words). Noting that the Arabic translated version will be already attested by the Patent Office. Thus, no further attestation fees shall be requested in future steps as before.
- 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 are **USD 15.00 /per page** (i.e., this charge already covers 5 printed-out hard copies. Thus, each page for each copy -in separate- costs \$3.00 only).
- Forwarding the letter patent together with a certified & officially stamped copy of the registered patent specification (in Arabic) via courier to your kind end, are all **for USD 70.00**.

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