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Jurisdiction - General Information

Belize has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since June 17, 2000.

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Belize can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Belize does not have an **Online Register**. It has an [Online Gazette](#) (Intellectual Property Journal).

For further enquiries, please contact the relevant authority as indicated in the [WIPO Directory](#).

Features and search functionalities

The online gazette is published every two weeks in English. Its current coverage is from 2003 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Belize

Utility models are also provided, with a duration of 10 years.

The former Patents and Designs Act and the Registration of the United Kingdom Patents Act were repealed by the present Patents Act. However, patents registered under the repealed Acts are now regarded as being registered under the present Act. The transitional period, for filing an application for a patent granted in the United Kingdom or a European patent designating the United Kingdom or for filing an application originally filed in the United Kingdom or at the European Patent Office designating the United Kingdom, has expired.

The Belize Intellectual Property Office also offers an online [information search service](#) (e.g. about a patent, its owner, its status, etc.).

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