

MALAYSIA - MY

Jurisdiction - General Information

Malaysia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since January 1, 1989. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since August 16, 2006.

Malaysia is also part of the regional IP information platform [ASEAN Patentscope](#).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Malaysia has an [Online Register](#) ("IP Online Search") and an [Online Gazette](#) ("IP Online Journal").

Features and search functionalities

The online patent register has an **English interface** and offers simple and advanced search functionalities. Users have to register with MyIPO first in order to access the information (registration is free).

Through the patent register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status** and **PCT National Phase Entry**.

The patent register can also be searched by **Applicant** and by **Inventor Name**.

On ASEAN Patentscope, it is also possible to search on an English interface for Malaysian patents by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**, and to retrieve information on **Legal Status**, **Priority Data**, and **PCT National Phase Entry**. For more information about ASEAN Patentscope, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

The online gazette, containing a list of basic patent data, is published in English every four weeks. Patent publications are available since 2012. Other types of publications (trademark, industrial designs etc.) are also available from 2012 onwards.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Malaysia

Patents are granted for 20 years from filing under the current law. However, applications filed or granted before August 1, 2001 are valid for 15 years from the grant date, or 20 years from the filing date, whichever results in a longer patent protection.

Search tips

Fee Payment is not reported as such. Nevertheless, the stated end of protection date is an indirect indication that annual fees have been paid, because this date will change when the next annual fees are paid.

An example of a **Legal Status** is "published as lapsed", e.g. for Application No PI 20000918.

On ASEAN Patentscope it is also possible to search for Malaysian patents on an English interface by **PCT Application Number**, by selecting the field "PCT Filing #" in the "Advanced Search" interface under the "Number Field" tab, using the following format: PCT/US2015/034271 as an example.