

NEW ZEALAND - NZ

Jurisdiction - General Information

New Zealand has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 29, 1931. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since December 1, 1992.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

New Zealand has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#) ('Journal').

Features and search functionalities

The online patent register has an **English interface**, and is an online Case Management System.

All patent transactions including, for example, filing applications, entering national phase, responding to reports, filing documents, and paying maintenance and renewal fees must be performed using the case management system.

The system also provides comprehensive search functionality for granted patents and New Zealand patent records back to 1870.

Through the patent register you can retrieve information on **Legal Status**, **PCT National Phase Entry**, **Fee Payment**, and access the **Full Publications**.

The patent register can also be searched by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**.

The Online Gazette (Journal) is published monthly in English in two parts. The first part is a pdf document containing general information and notices published by the Commissioner. Only the latest few months are directly accessible online. Copies of earlier Journals or Journal extracts may be obtained on request.

The second part containing patent application and registration information is searchable by date and 'action'.

For example, the query: patents granted between 01 May 2018 and 05 September 2018? provides a list of patents (including a direct link to each patent record in the register) that were granted between these dates, the Journal number in which the grant was advertised and the date of publication of that Journal. The coverage is from 1870 to the present day, though older information is recovered from archival material and is not necessarily complete.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in New Zealand

The patent term is 20 years. Renewals for granted patents and maintenance fees for applications are payable annually from the 4th anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification.

Search tips

To access the search interface of the patent register, please select "Search Patents". To obtain register extracts, the initial landing page includes a "Register Extracts" link for ordering certified copies free of charge.

An example of **Legal Status** is "Granted" for PCT/US2010/026073.

Information about PCT **National Phase Entry** is reported in section "Case Data", e.g. "29 Sep 2011" for PCT/US2010/026073.

"**Fee Payment Receipts**" are accessible on the "Documents" tab; the "Bibliographic Data" tab displays the "Renewal Due Date".

Examples of searchable **PCT Application/Publication Number** are, e.g., PCT/US2010/026073 or WO/2010/102020.

With regard to patents **Full Publications**, A and B-type specifications are accessible on the "Documents" tab; they do not include a separate front page.