

SOUTH AFRICA - ZA

Jurisdiction - General Information

South Africa has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention since December 1, 1947. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since March 16, 1999. In addition, it is a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

South Africa has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#).

Features and search functionalities

The online patent register has an **English interface**.

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

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

The online gazette is published monthly in English. It can be searched by date and downloaded in PDF format. Part 2 includes patent-related notifications. Its coverage is from 2010 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in South Africa

Search tips

Searches by **PCT Application Number** and **Applicant/Inventor Name** can be done in the Advanced Search Interface.

To retrieve information on **PCT National Phase Entry**, open the "View" link and see the box "Application History Sheet" at the bottom, for example, "Entry of international patent application under PCT" for PCT/EP10/050491.

Fee Payment information can be obtained by opening the "View" link and see the box "Renewals Sheet" or the box "Application History Sheet" at the bottom, e.g., PCT/EP09/000017 has a payment date of 06/01/2017.

An example of **Legal Status** is "Granted" for application 2010/03926 (PCT/EP10/050491). For a list of different statuses reported by the register, see the selection offered in the search field under "Advanced Search".

Patents **Full Publications** are available for patents granted in the years 1984 to 2005.