

**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY AND COMMERCE OFFICE
(ABIPCO)**

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(ABIPCO) AG****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), ² any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: East Caribbean dollar (XCD) For patent: Filing fee: XCD 800 For utility certificate: Filing fee: XCD 400
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date⁵

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{3,5}

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application^{3,5}

Translation to be furnished in two copies⁵

Statement justifying the applicant's right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor³

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Antigua and Barbuda

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney at law resident in Antigua or Barbuda or any patent agent registered before the Office

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies both the "unintentional" and the "due care" criteria to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit indicated in the invitation.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.