

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
 DEPARTMENT (QATAR)
 AS
 DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICE**

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List of abbreviations:

- Office: Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)
- Law: Decree Law No. 30, 2006

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****QA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT QA
(QATAR)****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	Arabic
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), 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)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20.
National fee: ¹	Currency: Qatar riyal (QAR) Filing fee: 2,000 ² 1,000 ³ 0 ⁴
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated above
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ⁵	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ⁶ Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of Qatar Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies, one on paper and one in electronic form ⁷

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The applicant may still furnish the translation within six months after the expiration of the applicable time limit.

² This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company, or an educational or research institution.

³ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ No fee is due in case of filing by a student.

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.

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁷ Must be furnished within six months from the date of the invitation by the Office.

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Who can act as agent?Any attorney or lawyer registered in Qatar

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

THE PROCEDURE IN THE NATIONAL PHASE

QA.01 **LANGUAGE OF PROCEEDINGS.** The language of proceedings is Arabic.

QA.02 **TRANSLATION (CORRECTION).** Errors in the translation of the international application can be corrected with reference to the text of the international application as originally filed (see National Phase, paragraphs 6.002 and 6.003).

QA.03 **FEES (MANNER OF PAYMENT).** The manner of payment of the fees indicated in the Summary and in this Chapter is outlined in Annex QA.I.

QA.04 **ANNUAL FEES.** Annual fees are payable for the second and each subsequent year following the international filing date. Payment of annual fees may still be made within 12 months from the due date, subject to the payment of a 10% surcharge. The amounts of the annual fees are indicated in Annex QA.I.

QA.05 **APPOINTMENT OF AN AGENT.** If the applicant is not resident in Qatar, an agent shall be appointed.

Law Art. 7

QA.06 **EXAMINATION.** The Office shall examine patent applications. The applicant may appeal a decision by the Office to refuse grant of the patent within 15 days from the date of notification by the Office. The amount of the fee for examination is indicated in Annex QA.I.

QA.07 **AMENDMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** The applicant may, at any time before the patent is granted, make amendments to his application, provided that the amendment does not go beyond the original disclosure. The amount of the fee for amendment is indicated in Annex QA.I.

QA.08 **FEE FOR GRANT.** A fee for grant and publication must be paid within three months from the notification of grant and publication.

PCT Art. 24(2)
48(2)
PCT Rule 82*bis*

QA.09 **EXCUSE OF DELAYS IN MEETING TIME LIMITS.** Reference is made to paragraphs 6.022 to 6.027 of the National Phase.

QA.10 **REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE PCT.** The applicable procedure is outlined in paragraphs 6.018 to 6.021 of the National Phase.

PCT Rule 49*ter.2*

QA.11 **RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY.** Where the international application was filed within two months from the end of the period for claiming priority of an earlier application, a request for restoration of the right of priority may be made to the Office in accordance with the national law (see National Phase, paragraphs 6.006 to 6.011). Such a request will be granted if the Office is satisfied that the failure to file the application within the 12-month priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances. The time limit for filing the request is one month from the date of entry into the national phase.

FEES

(Currency: Qatari riyal)

Filing fee	2,000 ¹	1,000 ²	0 ³
Examination fee	5,000 ¹	2,500 ²	100 ³
Annual fees:			
— for the 2 nd year	400 ¹	200 ²	100 ³
— for the 3 rd year	500 ¹	250 ²	100 ³
— for the 4 th year	600 ¹	300 ²	100 ³
— for the 5 th year	700 ¹	350 ²	100 ³
— for the 6 th year	800 ¹	400 ²	100 ³
— for the 7 th year	900 ¹	450 ²	100 ³
— for the 8 th year	1,000 ¹	500 ²	100 ³
— for the 9 th year	1,100 ¹	550 ²	100 ³
— for the 10 th year	1,200 ¹	600 ²	100 ³
— for the 11 th year	1,300 ¹	650 ²	100 ³
— for the 12 th year	1,400 ¹	700 ²	100 ³
— for the 13 th year	1,500 ¹	750 ²	100 ³
— for the 14 th year	1,600 ¹	800 ²	100 ³
— for the 15 th year	1,700 ¹	850 ²	100 ³
— for the 16 th year	1,800 ¹	900 ²	100 ³
— for the 17 th year	1,900 ¹	950 ²	100 ³
— for the 18 th to the 20 th years, per year	2,000 ¹	1,000 ²	100 ³
Additional fee for late payment of annual fee	10% of the	annual fee	
Fee for grant and publication	400 ¹	200 ²	50 ³
Fee for amendment	200 ¹	100 ²	50 ³

How can payment of fees be effected?

The payment of fees should be effected in Qatari riyal. All payments must indicate the application number (national, if already known; international, if the national application number is not yet known), the name of the applicant and the type of fee being paid.

Payment of fees must be made at the Office.

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