

REGISTRATION DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS (SEYCHELLES)

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List of abbreviations:

Office: Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)

PA: Patents Act (Chapter 156)

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****SC****REGISTRATION DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
(SEYCHELLES)****SC****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), 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?	No
National fee:	Currency: Seychelles rupee (SCR) National application fee ¹ : SCR 3,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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

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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^{2, 3}

Declaration concerning the applicant's right to apply for and be granted a patent where the applicant is not the inventor^{2, 3}

Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application^{2, 3}

Document evidencing a change of name or person 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)²

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of Seychelles⁴

Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies²

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Seychelles

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

Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

² 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 two months from the date of the invitation.

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 fixed in the invitation.

THE PROCEDURE IN THE NATIONAL PHASE

- SC.01 **TRANSLATION (CORRECTION).** Errors in the translation of the international application can be corrected with reference to the text of the international application as filed (see National Phase, paragraphs 6.002 and 6.003).
- PA Sec. 28 SC.02 **FEES (MANNER OF PAYMENT).** The manner of payment of the fees indicated in the Summary and in this Chapter is outlined in Annex SC.I.
- PA Sec. 20
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28 SC.03 **ANNUAL FEES.** The prescribed annual fees shall be payable for the fifth and every subsequent year, counting from the date of the patent. The annual fee may be paid until six months after the date on which it became due provided that an additional fee as prescribed is also paid.
- PCT Art. 28
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PA Sec. 22
25 SC.04 **AMENDMENT OF THE APPLICATION; TIME LIMITS.** The applicant or the patentee may, from time to time, make amendments to his specification, including drawings forming part thereof, provided that the amendment does not go beyond the disclosure in the initial specification. Every amendment of the application shall be advertised in the *Gazette*.
- PCT Art. 25
PCT Rule 51 SC.05 **REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 25 OF THE PCT.** The applicable procedure is outlined in paragraphs 6.018 to 6.021 of the National Phase.
- PCT Art. 24(2)
48(2)
PCT Rule 49.6
82bis SC.06 **EXCUSE OF DELAYS IN MEETING TIME LIMITS.** Reference is made to paragraphs 6.022 to 6.027 of the National Phase.

FEES**(Currency: Seychelles rupee)****Patents**

National application fee	3,000
Annual fees:	
— for the 2 nd to the 4 th year, per year	1,000
— for the 5 th year	1,500
— for the 6 th year	2,000
— for the 7 th year	3,000
— for the 8 th year	4,000
— for the 9 th year	5,000
— for the 10 th to the 19 th year, per year	10,000
— for the 20 th year	12,000
Surcharge for late payment of annual fees	10% of the applicable annual fee

How can payment of fees be effected?

Fees must be paid in Seychelles rupees to the Office by cheque, money order, bank draft or in cash.