

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA - AG

Jurisdiction - General Information

Antigua and Barbuda has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since March 17, 2000. In addition, it is also a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and the Patent Law Treaty.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Antigua and Barbuda does not have an **Online Register** or an **Online Gazette**.

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Features and search functionalities

Not applicable

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Antigua and Barbuda

Up until 22 November, 2018 the Registrar's Office was accepting but not processing applications for registration. As of 22 November, 2018, date in which the new Patent Act 2018 entered into force, applications are processed on the filing of a request for examination, which must be done within six months from the publication date. If examination is not requested within the prescribed term, the application is deemed to be abandoned.

The patent term is 20 years from the filing date of the application, while utility certificates expire ten years after the filing date.

Absolute novelty is required, however a 12-month grace period is allowed for disclosure by the inventor or applicant, or in case of an abuse committed by a third party.

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