

## MAURITIUS – MU

### Jurisdiction - General Information

Mauritius has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since September 24, 1976 and to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since December 15, 2022.

Mauritius is a member of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization ([ARIPO](#)).

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

### Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Mauritius does not have an **Online Register** or an **Online Gazette**.

For further enquiries, please contact the relevant authority as indicated in the [WIPO Directory](#).

### Features and search functionalities

ARIPO provides an [online information platform](#) for searching ARIPO and member states' national patents (which are currently being loaded) with an interface in English.

However, as Mauritius has not yet acceded to the Harare Protocol, it cannot be designated in patent, applications filed via the ARIPO system.

For more information about ARIPO, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

## Additional Information

### Particularities of patent protection in Mauritius

The patent term protection according to the Industrial Property Act 2019, in force since January 31, 2022, is 20 years, but patents granted under the previous law were valid for 14 years, possibly extended for another 14 years period.

### Search tips