

NEW ZEALAND - NZ

Jurisdiction - General Information

New Zealand has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 29, 1931. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since December 1, 1992 and to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

New Zealand has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#) ('Journal').

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English interface**.

It provides comprehensive search functionality for granted patents and New Zealand patent records back to 1870.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on PCT **National Phase Entry, Fee Payment, Legal Status**, and access the **Full Publications**.

The Online Register can also be searched by **PCT Application/Publication Number**, by **Applicant/Inventor Name**, and by **Priority Data**.

The Online Gazette (Journal) is published monthly in English in two parts. The first part is a pdf document containing general information and notices published by the Commissioner. Only the latest few months are directly accessible online. Copies of earlier Journals or Journal extracts may be obtained on request.

The second part containing patent application and registration information is searchable by 'date' and 'action' by clicking on the hyperlink included in the item "Patent, trade mark and design applications and registrations" or in the wording "online journal facility".

The coverage is from 1973 to present.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in New Zealand

The patent term is 20 years. Renewals for granted patents and maintenance fees for applications are payable annually from the 4th anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification.

Search tips

To access the search interface of the Online Register, please select "Search Patents". To obtain register extracts, the initial landing page includes a "Register Extracts" link for ordering certified copies free of charge.

An example of **Legal Status** is "Patent lapsed due to non payment of renewal fee" for PCT Application n. PCT/US2010/026073.

Information about PCT **National Phase Entry** is reported in section "Case Data", e.g. "29 Sep 2011" for PCT/US2010/026073.

"**Fee Payment Receipts**" are accessible on the "Documents" tab; the "Bibliographic Data" tab displays the "Renewal Due Date".

Examples of searchable **PCT Application/Publication Number** are, e.g., PCT/US2010/026073 or WO/2010/102020.

With regard to patents **Full Publications**, A and B-type specifications are accessible on the "Documents" tab; they do not include a separate front page.