

TUNISIA - TN

Jurisdiction - General Information

Tunisia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 7, 1884. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since December 10, 2001. In addition, it is a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

Under a validation agreement with the European Patent Organization, it has been possible to validate a European Patent in Tunisia since December 1, 2017. Further information about granted European Patents that can be validated in Tunisia can be found in the [European Patent Register](#).

Tunisia is also part of the regional IP information platform [ARABPAT](#). For more information about ARABPAT, consult the [detailed jurisdiction file](#).

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

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Tunisia has an [Online Register](#) and an [Online Gazette](#).

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has a **French, Arabic and English interface**.

The Online Register has been made with the platform WIPO Publish, allowing a selection through a slider button between a search limited to the most frequently used fields and a broader one enlarged to a wide number of search fields, some of which however could be left empty.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve basic **Legal Status** information.

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

To access the **Full Publications** click on the section "Document" of the patent record.

Bibliographic data and patents **Full Publications** can be obtained also through the ARABPAT platform.

To access the Online Gazette click on the tab "Journal". At the time of preparation of this sheet the coverage was limited to November 2014 to April 2022. Only journal date and number are displayed for a list of published patents.

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Tunisia

Search tips

An example of **Full Publications** available on ARABPAT is, e.g., TNSN00257.

An example of **Legal Status** is, eg. "Expired" for publication no. TN P/2020/000032.

To search by **PCT Application/Publication Number** use, eg. PCT/US2015/053098 for PCT no. WO/2016/057278 or the publication number without the country code, eg. 2016/057278.

To search by priority data use the format "US62/060,724" (without a space between country code and serial number).