

PATENTS IN MEXICO

Legal figures for inventions:

- Patents
- Utility Models.

Data for filing a new Patent application:

- Title of the invention
- Applicant's name, address (residence) and nationality.
- Inventor's name, address (residence) and nationality.
- Priority data (date, serial number and country)

Documents:

- Specification, claims and abstract in Spanish.
- Formal drawings
- Power of Attorney document. - Neither certification nor legalization is required.
- Assignment of invention
- Certified Copy of the priority application (if any) and Spanish translation thereof.
- Assignment of priority rights (if any).

Priority acknowledgement

Priority rights are recognized under the Paris Convention if patent application is filed within the 12 (twelve) months period from the base application filing date.

Publication

Patent applications are published in the Official Gazette after 18 months from filing date or from the priority filing date.

Technical Examination

Technical Examination does not need to be requested and the examination fees are included in the filing fees. The average time to get into examination is 36 months for Patents and 12 months for Utility Model applications.

Legal Life

Patents are granted for 20 years and Utility Models for 10 years counted from filing date.

Annuities

They are due upon granting and must be paid by quinquenniums (5 years term). The first quinquennium is paid along with the granting fees for the current year and the following 4 (four) years. Next quinquenniums are due every 5 years on the anniversary of the filing date.