



AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SCALE OF CHARGES

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HOW WE DIFFER FROM OTHER FIRMS

- ◇ We have very low prices for the administrative steps of patent applications
- ◇ We offer fast response times
- ◇ We do not employ a team of highly qualified experts in science and engineering
- ◇ We do not offer litigation or other add-on services
- ◇ We aim to provide fully transparent pricing with no surprises
- ◇ We offer the same prices and high quality service to all clients, and do not negotiate special deals

WE MAY BE A SUITABLE MATCH FOR YOU IF:

- ◇ You are seeking the lowest cost way of obtaining patents in Australia without compromising quality
- ◇ You are seeking to reduce the costs of filing and requesting examination before transferring patent applications files to another firm for prosecution (if you need highly qualified experts in science and engineering)
- ◇ You need fast free advice on any aspect of the patent application process
- ◇ You need a fast free or low-cost way of resolving a problem
- ◇ You need a free second opinion on any matter relating to patent applications

WE MAY NOT BE A GOOD MATCH FOR YOU IF:

- ◇ You need technical assistance from highly qualified experts in science and engineering
- ◇ You want a customised billing arrangement which differs from what we offer all clients
- ◇ You are not able to pay our bills promptly
- ◇ You want a one-stop-shop which provides litigation and other add-on services

MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PHASE ENTRY OF PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

- ◇ PCT or WIPO number
- ◇ Name, address and contact details of person who will be providing us with instructions

AUSTRALIAN CONVENTION PATENT APPLICATION

- ◇ Complete specification in English including description and claims
- ◇ Name(s) and address(es) of applicant(s)
- ◇ Name(s) of inventor(s)
- ◇ Country, filing date and official number of priority application(s)
- ◇ Name, address and contact details of person who will be providing us with instructions

AUSTRALIAN DESIGN APPLICATION

- ◇ Representations of the product (drawings or photographs) showing all features
- ◇ Name of the product
- ◇ Name(s) and address(es) of applicant(s)
- ◇ Name(s) of inventor(s)
- ◇ If Convention priority: Country, filing date and official number of priority application(s)
- ◇ Name, address and contact details of person who will be providing us with instructions

Note: For Australian applications, we do not require any power of attorney / authorisation of agent forms and we do not require certified copies of priority documents (unless specifically requested at a later date)

MINIMUM FILING REQUIREMENTS

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PHASE ENTRY OF PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

- ◇ PCT or WIPO number
- ◇ Name, address and contact details of person who will be providing us with instructions

NEW ZEALAND CONVENTION PATENT APPLICATION

- ◇ Complete specification in English including description and claims
- ◇ Name(s) and address(es) of applicant(s)
- ◇ Name(s) and address(es) of inventor(s)
- ◇ Country, filing date and official number of priority application(s)
- ◇ Name, address and contact details of person who will be providing us with instructions

NEW ZEALAND DESIGN APPLICATION

- ◇ Representations of the article (drawings or photographs) showing all features
- ◇ Title of the article
- ◇ Name(s) and address(es) of applicant(s)
- ◇ Name(s) and address(es) of inventor(s)
- ◇ If Convention priority is to be claimed: Country, filing date and official number of priority application(s)
- ◇ Name, address and contact details of person who will be providing us with instructions
- ◇ Authorisation of agent signed by applicant

AUSTRALIAN PATENTS

	OFFICIAL FEE (AUD)	OUR CHARGE (AUD)
STANDARD PATENT (20 YEARS)		
Filing application or PCT national phase entry	400	400
Claiming priority		no charge
Filing abstract		no charge
Preparing notice of entitlement		no charge
Forwarding direction to request examination		no charge
Requesting examination	550	200
Fee for each claim after first 20	125	15
Fee for each claim after first 30	250	25
Receiving and forwarding examiner's report		no charge
Payment of acceptance fees	300	100
Receiving and forwarding patent certificate		no charge
STANDARD PATENT RENEWAL FEES		
4 th anniversary	300	50
5 th anniversary	315	50
6 th anniversary	345	50
7 th anniversary	380	50
8 th anniversary	420	50
9 th anniversary	465	50
10 th anniversary	540	60
11 th anniversary	645	70
12 th anniversary	780	80
13 th anniversary	945	100
14 th anniversary	1140	120
15 th anniversary	1385	140
16 th anniversary	1675	170
17 th anniversary	2010	210
18 th anniversary	2390	240
19 th anniversary	2815	290

AUSTRALIAN PATENTS

	OFFICIAL FEE (AUD)	OUR CHARGE (AUD)
INNOVATION PATENT RENEWAL FEES		
2nd to 4th anniversary	110	50
5th to 7th anniversary	220	50
OTHER PATENT SERVICES		
Taking over representation from another patent attorney firm		no charge
Taking over representation from unqualified agent		200
Requesting recordal of assignment or change of name or address		100
Preparation of assignment document		100

AUSTRALIAN REGISTERED DESIGNS

	OFFICIAL FEE (AUD)	OUR CHARGE (AUD)
DESIGN REGISTRATION		
Filing application for one design	200	300
Each additional design in same Locarno class included in the same application	150	250
Claiming priority		no charge
Filing request for registration		no charge
Receiving and forwarding registration certificate		no charge
Requesting examination	500	200
Receiving and forwarding certificate of examination		no charge
DESIGN RENEWAL FEES		
Renewing design registration	400	60
OTHER DESIGN SERVICES		
Requesting recordal of assignment or change of name or address		100
Preparation of assignment document		100

NEW ZEALAND PATENTS

	OFFICIAL FEE (NZD)	OUR CHARGE (AUD)
STANDARD PATENT (20 YEARS)		
Filing application or entering national phase	250	400
Claiming priority		no charge
Filing abstract		no charge
Preparing notice of entitlement		no charge
Forwarding direction to request examination		no charge
Requesting examination	750	200
Receiving and forwarding examiner's report		no charge
Receiving and forwarding notice of acceptance		no charge
Payment of excess claims fee, for each 5th claim over 25	120	50
Receiving and forwarding patent certificate		no charge
STANDARD PATENT RENEWAL FEES		
4th to 9th anniversary	200	50
10th to 14th anniversary	450	60
15th to 19th anniversary	1,000	100
OTHER PATENT SERVICES		
Taking over representation from another patent attorney firm		no charge
Taking over representation from unqualified agent		200
Requesting recordal of assignment or change of name or address		100
Preparation of assignment document		100

NEW ZEALAND REGISTERED DESIGNS

	OFFICIAL FEE (NZD)	OUR CHARGE (AUD)
DESIGN REGISTRATION		
Filing application	100	300
Claiming priority		no charge
Receiving and forwarding registration certificate		no charge
DESIGN RENEWAL FEES		
First renewal (due by 5th anniversary)	100	50
Second renewal (due by 10th anniversary)	200	50
OTHER DESIGN SERVICES		
Requesting recordal of assignment or change of name or address		100
Preparation of assignment document		100

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Patents AU Pty Ltd, as a private incorporated Australian and New Zealand Patent Attorney, is bound by the Code of Conduct for Trans-Tasman Patent and Trade Mark Attorneys 2018. In conducting our business, we act according to the following order of priority:

- ◇ In accordance with the law
- ◇ In the best interests of our clients
- ◇ In the public interest
- ◇ In the interests of the patent attorney profession as a whole.

We do not use or disclose, or allow to be used or disclosed, confidential information obtained from or on behalf of a client, a former client or a prospective client without the informed consent of the client.

We do not prefer the interests of one client over the interests of another client, or act for two or more clients in the same matter relating to a proceeding before a court, tribunal, adjudicative body or intellectual property office where we know the clients' interests are or are likely to be adverse.

We do not act for a client in a matter knowing that the client's interests are adverse to the interests of a former client unless we do not hold confidential information relevant to the matter obtained from or on behalf of the former client.

We take all reasonable steps to avoid creation of a situation giving rise to an actual conflict or the reasonable possibility of a conflict between the respective interests of two clients. Upon becoming aware of a situation giving rise to an actual conflict or the reasonable possibility of a conflict, we, as soon as practicable, take all reasonable steps to resolve the actual conflict or the reasonable possibility of a conflict.

As a matter of practicality, we are not able to review the content of each patent specification not drafted by us at the time of filing to ascertain a possible conflict with the subject matter of every other patent specification which we have filed. Accordingly, at the time of filing we may only identify a conflict of interest if we are currently acting against the applicant in adversarial proceedings. During examination, we may identify a conflict of interest based on citations raised by the examiner.