

Patents Department

“Egypt”

Code	EG
Country	Egypt
National phase entry deadline	30 months from the international filing date
Documents required BY the national phase entry/filing deadline	<p><u>We shall need the following documents to be submitted upon filing the application:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The application body (Description, Claims, Abstract, Very clear copy of drawings) as below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title - Technical Field - Disclosure of Invention - Brief Description - Best Mode for Carrying Out the invention - Industrial Applicability - Arabic translation of the title and abstract are needed to be submitted upon filing as per the Egyptian Patent Office policy.
Documents required AFTER the national phase entry/filing deadline	<p><u>The following documents may be submitted after filing the application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A certified copy from the priority document (to be submitted within 3 months from the national filing date).

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. An Arabic translation should be submitted within 6 months from the national filing date. 3. A notarized POA from the applicant (the POA must be submitted within 4 months from filing date in Egypt). 4. The examination fees can be paid upon filing or within 6 months from the national filing date.
Translation requirements	The Arabic translation of the document shall be submitted upon filing or within 6 months from the national filing date.
Allowance of voluntary claim amendments at national phase entry	We confirm that voluntary amendments are applicable at the national phase entry in Egypt.
Excess claims fees / page fees	N/A
Requesting examination deadline	There is no request for Examination are applicable in Egypt. However the examination fee should be paid upon filing or within 6 months from the national filing date (the National Phase entry).
Deadline for filing voluntary claim amendments	There is no deadline for filing the same.
Prosecution procedure information	-
Novelty only prior art	<p>An invention shall not be considered wholly or partly new:</p> <p>(i) if, before the filing date of the patent application, a patent application has been filed for the same invention or a patent was already issued in or outside Egypt for the invention or part thereof;</p> <p>(ii) if, before the filing date of the patent application, the invention was used publicly in; or outside Egypt, or the description of which was disclosed in a manner so as a person having expertise in the art is able to exploit it. According to the provisions of the</p>



	<p>preceding Article, disclosure shall not include displaying the invention in national or international exhibitions within the six months before the date on which the application was filed. The Regulations shall specify the conditions and the procedures for the disclosure of a patent.</p>
Method of treatment / medical use claims	<p>The method of treatment and medical use claims are not patentable.</p>
Claim drafting information	<p>Is it important to list the preferred subject-matter first in case of a lack of unity objection? Yes</p> <p>Can the pending claims be broadened during examination, though obviously not beyond what is taught by the application? Yes</p> <p>Can claims be added during examination? Yes</p> <p>Are optional features allowed in claims? Yes</p> <p>Can multiply dependent claims depend on other multiply dependent claims? No</p> <p>Must claims include 'characterised in that' language, or a purpose of some kind? Yes</p> <p>Are there any specific points that you think we should know about for drafting claims that conform to local practice? N/A</p>
Divisional applications	<p>If a lack of unity objection is raised – can the divisional be filed to one of the non-unified inventions? Yes</p> <p>Are second and subsequent generation divisional applications allowed?</p>



	<p><i>There is no number for divisional applications to be filed.</i></p> <p><u>Our charges for filing new divisional application:</u></p> <p>1- New title, abstract and set of claims</p> <p>2- Payment of filing new application USD 400.</p> <p>3- Payment of the examination fees USD 1500.</p> <p>4- Amending the Arabic title and abstract to be corresponded to the new one USD 35.</p> <p>5- Amending the Arabic set of claims to be corresponded to the new set USD 75 per page.</p> <p>6- Payment of all outstanding annuities calculated from the international filing date till this year (attached our annuities charges).</p> <p>7- Priority claiming USD 50.</p>
<p>Double patenting</p>	<p>Are there any restrictions, and if so do the restrictions apply to co-pending applications, parent/divisional applications, or both? <i>Yes, double patenting is not allowed.</i></p> <p>What is the advice regarding double-patenting restrictions? Do the restrictions apply to overlapping claim scope or only identical claim scope? <i>Both.</i></p>
<p>Accelerated examination</p>	<p>As for PPH, please note that Egyptian Patent Office has totally two pilot agreements only in order to accelerate the process for PPH with the Japan Patent Office and Chinese Patent Office.</p>
<p>Other comments</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Renewal fees deadline</p>	<p>Is there a grace period to allow for late payment? <i>Regarding the annuities payment, please note that there is one year as a grace period.</i></p>

