

THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE

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Guidelines to Applicants for the Grant of a Patent

1. Any application for the grant of a patent shall be made on the prescribed forms available at The Industrial Property Office or downloadable from our website (<http://foreign.govmu.org>)
2. The application shall:
 - (a) contain a description of the invention;
 - (b) state the claims;
 - (c) include any drawings that may be relevant for the purpose of the application; and
 - (d) contain an abstract of the invention.
3. Where applicable, a declaration claiming **priority** shall be made at the time of filing the application and the applicant shall clearly indicate:
 - (a) the date of filing and the reference number of the earlier application;
 - (b) the symbol of the International Patent Classification which has been allocated to the earlier application;
 - (c) the country in which the earlier application was filed or, where the earlier application is a regional or an international application, the country or countries for which it was filed; and
 - (d) where the earlier application is a regional or international application, the national industrial property office of the country with which it was filed and submit a certified copy of the earlier application **within a period of 3 months** of the date of the application.
4. The application shall be accompanied by the **prescribed fees of Rs. 5250**. Payment to be made either by cash, credit card, debit card or cheque payable to "The Government of Mauritius."
5. The attention of applicants is drawn to Section 49 of the Act which provides that where an applicant's ordinary residence or principal place of business is outside Mauritius, he shall be represented by a legal practitioner resident and practising in Mauritius or an approved agent.
6. A Power of Attorney appointing an approved agent or legal practitioner shall be registered with the Registrar General and shall be filed together with the application or **within two months** from its filing date.

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