

Patents (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (No. 18)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, has, in terms of section 96 of the Patents Act [Chapter 26:03] made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Patents (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (No. 18).

2. The First Schedule to the Patents Regulations, 1971, published in Statutory Instrument 1152 of 1971, is repealed and the substitution of—

“FIRST SCHEDULE

FEES

Matter or proceedings	Women/ Students/ Universities/ Research Institutions/ Individuals	SMEs	Corporate bodies
	US\$	US\$	US\$
1. On application for a Patent or a Patent of Addition	15	20	50
2. On filing of Specification ----			
(a) Provisional—	10	15	50
(b) Complete	15	20	50
3. On payment of renewal fee in respect of ...	10	15	50
(a) Fourth to tenth years, for each year			
(b) Eleventh to fifteenth years, for each year	15	20	120
(c) Sixteenth to twentieth years, for each year	20	25	60

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(d) Renewed to term on filing (i.e. pre-pay renewal annuities for all 20-years)	150	200	750
4. On extension of the period for payment of renewal fees, not exceeding six months, for each month.....	10	15	40
5. On application for restoration of lapsed Patent.....	25	40	100
6. For any form of advertisement for publication in the Patent Journal	10	15	40
7. Request for information or noting of caveat	10	15	40
8. For any certificate issued by the registrar, other than a Certificate of Renewal in terms of section 38 of these Regulations.....	10	15	40
9. For a copy of any document per page.....	1	1	1
10. For any application for extension of the period for lodging complete specification, per month	5	10	20
11. On request for cancellation of a Provisional Specification and or post-dating an application	10	15	20
12. On request for postponement of acceptance of a complete specification by the Registrar in terms of section 16(1) of the Act.....	10	15	20
13. On request for cancellation of acceptance of a complete specification.....	10	15	20

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14. On submission of a claim to be an applicant or a joint applicant in terms of section 18 (1) of the Act	10	15	20
15. On application for directions under section 18 (6) of the Act...	10	15	40
16. On request for sealing of Patent	10	15	80
17. On application for an extension of the period for requesting the Sealing of a Patent under sections 21(3) of the Act, per month---	10	15	40
18. On Notice under section 19 of the Act of intention to exhibit or publish an invention....	10	15	20
19. On application for registration of licenses of right under section 29(1) of the Act.....	15	20	100
20. On application for cancellation of Entry in terms of section 30(1) of the Act.....	10	15	20
21. On application for a compulsory license in terms of sections 31 of the Act.....	25	40	200
22. On application for Amendment of Provisional Specification of complete specification that has been accepted	10	15	20
23. On application to amend Complete Specification.... (a) By Applicant before Sealing.....	10	15	20
(b) By Patentee after Sealing	10	15	20

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24. On application for determination or Order under Section 42(1) or 43 of the Act.....	15	20	200
25. On request for an alteration of Name, Nationality, Address or Address for Service...	10	15	20
(a) in respect of an application in the Register.....			
b. For every application included in the request....	10	15	20
26. On application for Registration of Title or Notice of Interest under section 53 of the Act...	10	15	20
27. On request to make correction or amendment or for condonation under section 54 of the Act...	10	15	20
28. On application for entry in the Register of an Order of the High Court or Tribunal.....	15	20	200
29. For Certification of any Documents.....	10	15	20
30. For every report prepared for Court by the Registrar.....	15	25	100
31. For every appeal to the Patents Tribunal from a Decision or Order of the Registrar...	15	20	200
32. For any Notice of Opposition to an application for a Grant of a Patent...	10	15	20
33. Any application or reference to the Tribunal under the Act...	10	15	20

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34. On filing any Counter-Statement to an Application, Opposition or Reference...	10	15	20
35. For certifying any Document, other than a Certificate of -Registration...	10	15	20
36. Security for Costs in terms of Section 73 of the Act... (CHECK ACT)	25	40	400
37. Lodging Box rental per year...	120	120	120
38. General Search...	1	1	1.”.

3. The Patents (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 (No. 17), published in Statutory Instrument 98 of 2023, are repealed.

Notes

1. For local applicants the fees may be payable in Zimbabwean dollars at the prevailing bank rate.
2. For foreign applicants all fees are payable in United States dollars.
3. Where the applicant is claiming a Research Institution/Academic Institution/Student/SME rate they are required to complete and submit together with the application form a declaration of entity form as gazetted in this Statutory Instrument.
4. The definition of SME is as set forth below:

Sector /sub-sector of economy	Class	No. of fulltime paid employees	Value of Assets (USD)
All sectors	Medium	31–75	500 001–1 000 000
	Small	6–30	30 001–500 000
	Micro	1–5	30 000

