

Information required for filing New Zealand patent applications

Essential information

National Phase of an International Application

- PCT or WO number
- If the specification has not been published, a copy of the specification as filed and the Request
- If the specification has been published in a language other than English, a verified English translation of the specification

Standard or Innovation Patent application

- A copy of the specification in English with drawings, if relevant
- The full name of each inventor
- The name and address of each applicant
- If Convention priority is claimed, the country, application date and application number for each priority application

Please note:

- A certified copy of each priority application is required before acceptance for convention standard patent applications
- If a priority application is in a language other than English, a verified English translation of the certified copy is required
- If the inventor(s) are not the applicant(s), we will require details of the devolution of entitlement from the inventor(s) to the applicant(s)
- To facilitate prosecution, it is preferable to provide the specification in an editable electronic format
- There is no requirement to disclose prior art
- For a national phase application, a request for entry into the national phase form must be signed by the applicant and filed before an application is accepted
- For a standard patent application, an Authorisation of Agent must be signed by the applicant before an application is accepted



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