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Jurisdiction - General Information

Australia has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention since October 10, 1925. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since March 31, 1980. In addition, it is a party to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure and the Patent Law Treaty (PLT).

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Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

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Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has an **English interface**.

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Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Australia

Patent Term Extension for pharmaceutical products is available.

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