

JAPAN – JP

Jurisdiction - General Information

Japan has been a Contracting Party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property since July 15, 1899. It has also been a Contracting Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) since October 1, 1978. 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).

More legal information about intellectual property-related laws and regulations of Japan can be found on [WIPO Lex](#).

Online Patent Register and Online Gazette

Japan has an [Online Register](#) (JPO's J-PlatPat). It also has an [Online Gazette](#).

Features and search functionalities

The Online Register has a **Japanese** and an **English interface**.

Through the Online Register you can retrieve information on PCT **National Entry Date**, **Fee Payment**, **Legal Status**, **Patent Term Extension**, and access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** and the **Full Publications**.

The Online Register can be searched by **Applicant/Inventor Name** and **Priority Data**. For searches using the **Applicant/Inventor Name** or **Priority Data** (Priority number only), select the item "Patent/Utility model search" from the menu "Patent/Utility models".

Legal Status information is also available through Espacenet.

The Online Gazette is in the form of a publication server, it is searchable by number and downloadable in PDF format and it is published monthly in Japanese. It covers the last two years.

From July 2023 onwards, the articles regarding "Service by Publication" in the Publication Editions have been transferred from the gazette publication site to JPO website available at this [link](#).

Additional Information

Particularities of patent protection in Japan

A **Patent Term Extension** for pharmaceutical products is available.

Search tips

To search by **PCT Publication Number** select the item "Patent/Utility model number search/OPD" (One Portal Dossier) from the menu "Patent/Utility models" and use the format, eg., "2014-084738" in the search field "International publication number" for the PCT publication no. WO2014/084738.

To access the **Dossier/File Wrapper Information** from the list of results or from the patent record click on the tab "OPD". To get the **Full Publication** click on the tab "Entire PDF document".

An example of **PCT National Entry Date** is, e.g., 25.06.2015 [Submission date of translated text] for PCT Publication no. WO2014/084738.

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