

Hong Kong (HK) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Kinds of Protection

Standard Patents	Granted for a term of three years, thereafter renewable annually up to a maximum term of 20 years
Short-term Patents	Granted for a term of four years, thereafter renewable annually, up to a maximum term of eight years
Industrial Designs and Models	May be registered

Convention & Treaty Membership

The following are the main intellectual property conventions applied to Hong Kong as part of China:

Patent Treaty Convention (China a member since 01.01.1994)
Paris Convention (Stockholm wording)
World Intellectual Property Organisation

Signatory of: World Trade Organisation (IP system complies with WTO TRIPS (Agreement))

Filing for Patents

There are two types of patent: standard patents and short-term patents, the latter are not subjected to search or substantive examination.

Applications may be made, in Chinese or English, by the inventor or assignee. Both the title and abstract must be in both Chinese and English.

Standard patents are granted for a maximum term of 20 years (renewable annually after the initial term of three years). Applications can be based on patent applications made to the European, People's Republic of China (PRC) or UK Patent Offices.. A request to record a designated patent application must be filed in Hong Kong within six months of the date of application in any of the above three International patent offices. A subsequent request to register a granted patent must be made within six months of the date of grant in any of these patent offices. From 2019, direct application or designation of Hong Kong via the PCT is also possible. It is also possible to file standard patent applications directly with the Hong Kong office.

A PCT application designating China (PRC) can also afford patent protection in Hong Kong. In this case, the request to record must be filed within six months of the date of issuance by the Chinese Patent Office of a National Application Notification. The request to register should be filed within six months of the date of grant.

Standard patents are usually granted within three months of application, whereupon details are published.

Short-term patents are granted for a maximum term of eight years (renewable annually following the initial term of four years). Applications can be based on a search report issued by any WIPO-designated search authorities. Although there is no time limit for filing an application, if priority is being claimed from an application filed in a PCT or WTO country, the application should be filed in Hong Kong within 12 months of the date of first application. A deferral of grant of patent can be applied for within this 12 month period, giving the applicant more time to submit the search report.

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DWPI Coverage

Note that the kind codes used by DWPI do not necessarily correspond to those used by the HK office. Kind codes used by the HK office are shown in parentheses. These do not define the type of document, this is shown by the document number (see below)

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A0	Patent application derived from CN, EP or GB application (A)	7 January 2011
A1	Granted patent derived from CN, EP or GB application (B)	7 January 2011
A2	Granted short term patent (A)	7 January 2011
A	Patent application locally filed (A)	
B	Granted patent locally filed (B)	

DWPI Data elements	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI)

Numeration

Documents – A0, A1, A2

Publication Numbers			
Original Data	Derwent Patent Search	Dialog	STN
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HK1110644	HK1110644	HK 1110644	HK1110644

Nnnnnnn 7 digit serial number

For filings from 2019 onward Documents A, A0, A1, A2, B

Publication Numbers			
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HKTSSSSSS	HKTSSSSSS	HK TSSSSSS	HKTSSSSSS
HK4000025	HK4000025	HK 4000025	HK4000025

T Type of publication: 2 – standard patent; 3 – short term patent; 4 standard patent with designated patent application

SSSSSS A seven digit number running continuously across all types of applications

Application Numbers			
Original Data	Derwent Patent Search	Dialog	STN
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HK98115007.2	HK1998115007A	HK 1998115007	HK1998-115007

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NNNNNN 6 digit serial number

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For filings from 2019 onward

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HK 62020022463.7	HK2020622463A	HK 20206022463	HK20206022463

YY or YYYY 2 or 4 digits representing the year of application

NNNNNN 6 digit serial number

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T Type of application: 2 – Standard patent (locally filed); 3 – Short term patent not based on PCT application; 4 – Standard patent based on CN, EP or GB application that does not derive from the PCT; 5 – Short term patent based on PCT application; 6 – Standard patent based on CN, EP or GB application that is derived from the PCT.