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## **PATENTS IN BOLIVIA**

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Full details of the applicant (name and address).
- Full details of the inventor (name and address).
- Title of patent.
- Copy of the description, claims and an abstract of the patent.
- Copy of the drawings.
- Details of priority (date, number and country)
- Statement declaring whether the invention has been made available to the public prior to the filing date.
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### **PROCEDURE**

After filing and preliminary examination the patent application will be published in the Official Gazette. 18 months after the filing date the applicant needs to request formal examination of the application and pay the corresponding examination fee.

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### **OBSERVATIONS**

- The patent is valid for 20 years from the date of filing.
- The annuity fees are required to be paid from the second year after the date of filing. These fees apply even if the application has not yet completed the examination phase.