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## **PATENTS IN COLOMBIA**

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Full details of the applicant (name and address).
- Full details of the inventor (name and address).
- Title of the invention.
- Copy of the description, claims and an abstract of the invention.
- Copy of the drawings.
- Details of priority (date, number and country)
- Official copy of the patent application from which priority is claimed. (This document needs to be filed within 16 months of the priority date)
- Power of attorney (no legalisation is required)-
- Assignment of the inventor's rights by the inventor to the applicant.

### **PROCEDURE**

After filing the patent application is subject to a preliminary examination following which, the application will be published in the Official Gazette 18 months after the filing date. Within 6 months of the publication the applicant needs to request formal examination of the application and pay the corresponding examination fee.

Once the fee has been paid the patent will be examined by the Patent Office.

If the application receives no objections from the Patent Office, the average time scale from application to granting of the patent is approximately five to six years.

### **OBSERVATIONS**

- The patent is valid for 20 years from the date of filing.
- The annuity fees are required to be paid only after the patent has been granted.