

Requirements for New Zealand Patent Applications

Minimum Filing Requirements for Urgent Patent Applications

No forms are required to be signed before filing in New Zealand.

The minimum documentation and information we require to file a patent application in New Zealand is as follows:

- 1 A specification with any drawings. (This may be faxed or emailed to us.)
- 2 The date and country of any applications from which convention priority is claimed.
- 3 The name of the applicant.

Filing Requirements for New Zealand Patent Applications (For Patent Applications other than PCT National Phase Applications)

- 1 Application Form Information.
 - i Full name(s), address(es) and nationality of the applicant(s) and inventor(s), including state of incorporation of a body corporate.
 - ii Designation of signatory when applicant is a body corporate.
 - iii The date, number, and country of any applications from which priority is claimed.
 - iv Full name(s), address(es) and nationality of priority applicant(s) for convention applications.

- 2 Specification

One copy of the specification and a copy for our file, printed on international size A4 paper with a 2.5cm margin on the left hand side of each page. If the specification is in a language other than English, a translation, with a declaration from the translator, is required.

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3 Drawings

One set of drawings printed on international size A4 paper and a copy for our file.

4 Copy of Priority Application

If claiming convention priority, an officially certified copy of the priority document within 3 months of filing the application.

If the priority document is in a language other than English, a translation with a declaration from the translator is required within 3 months of filing the application.

5 Assignment

The assignment from the inventor to the applicant does not need to be provided. Similarly, if there has been an assignment from the priority applicant to the applicant in New Zealand, proof is not required. Any such assignment should be kept for evidential purposes.