

Filing a convention application in Australia and New Zealand



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What we need to file your Australian application

Please provide us with:

- the number, date, and name of applicant(s) for any priority application(s)
- an electronic copy of the specification, claims, drawings, and abstract in English
- the names and street address of the applicant(s) and inventor(s).

Other requirements

- If applicable, a microorganism transferral receipt (or a verified translation if it is not in English) must be filed before acceptance.
- IP Australia may ask us to file a certified copy of any priority applications.
- You will need to tell us how the applicant is entitled to the application. Please send us copies of any assignments and advise us of any relevant employer relationships.

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Please provide us with:

- the number, date, and name of applicant(s) for any priority application(s)
- an electronic copy of the specification, claims, drawings, and abstract in English
- the name, street address, and nationality of the applicant(s) and inventor(s).

Other requirements

- If applicable, a microorganism transferral receipt (or a verified translation if it is not in English) must be filed.
- You will need to tell us how the applicant is entitled to the application. Please send us copies of any assignments.
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