

## Hong Kong (HK) Coverage

### Patent Office Details

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Web: <http://www.ipd.gov.hk/eng/home.htm>

### 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. Applications for neither type are 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.

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

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A0	Patent application	7 January 2011
A1	Granted patent	7 January 2011
A2	Granted short term patent	7 January 2011

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

## Numeration

### All documents – A0, A1, A2

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
HKnnnnnnnn	HKnnnnnnnn	HK nnnnnn	HKnnnnnnn	HKnnnnnnnn
HK1110644	HK1110644	HK 1110644	HK1110644	HK1110644

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Application Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
YYNNNNNN.X	HKYYYYNNNNNNA	HK YYYYNNNNNN	YYYYHK-nnnnnnn	HKYYYY-NNNNNN
HK98115007.2	HK1998115007A	HK 1998115007	1998HK-0115007	HK1998-115007

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

NNNNNN                          6 digit serial number

Nnnnnnn                          7 digit serial number

X                                      Check digit after decimal point