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Information required for filing an application

- Full name, street address and nationality of the applicant(s) and if an applicant is a corporation, the country or state of incorporation of the corporation;
- Full name, address and nationality of the inventor(s);
- The number, date and country of application(s) from which convention priority is claimed together with the full name, address and nationality of applicant(s) of priority application(s); and
- How the applicant(s) of the application and priority application(s), if not the inventor(s), derived title from the inventor(s).

Documentation required for filing an application

- Specification in English;
- An abstract;
- Two sets of drawings (if appropriate) - this includes a copy for our file;
- Certified copy of priority document(s), if claiming convention priority, and if not in English, a verified English translation from a translator of the priority document(s) are required within 3 months from filing date of application.

For PCT National Phase Entry

- Filing particulars to identify PCT application and advice as to whether a Chapter 1 or 2 application;
- Verified English translation if necessary of specification and any amended pages filed under rule 26, for example;
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- How the applicant(s) of the application and priority application(s), if not the inventor(s), derived title from the inventor(s).

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