

Cost estimates include official fees and service charge in Australian dollars as at July 2009

*This cost excludes amendments at \$250/hr*

*Typically issues within 4.4yrs from earliest priority date*

National Phase Entry into Australia by 31 Months from first Priority Date  
 \$920 (incl. \$320 official fee)  
 For English international applications WIPO Publication Number required.  
 For non-English international applications an English translation is also required by the 31 Month deadline

Direction to Request Examination

*6 months maximum*

Request Examination  
 \$720 (including \$420 official fee)

*Deferment of a further 9 months available in some cases*

*Third parties may lodge oppositions to grant within 3 months of advertisement of acceptance*

Examiner's Report Issues  
 Usually less than \$300

*Typically issues between 8 months (pharma) to 2yrs (electronics) from lodging exam request*

Lodge Response  
 \$300/hr  
 Usually not more than 6 hrs

*12 months acceptance deadline (can be extended for extra 9 months with official penalty fees accumulating at \$140 per month)*

Application accepted?

Notice of Acceptance Issues

Advertisement of Acceptance

*3 months maximum*

Pay acceptance fee:  
 \$440 plus \$120 per claim for each claim in excess of twenty

Issuance of Deed of Letters Patent i.e. "grant" or "sealing" of Patent

Renewals payable annually from 5th anniversary of international filing date.

Maximum term of twenty years from anniversary of standard application filing date

Flowchart for Australian National Phase Entry Standard Patent Procedure