

## Things to know

*Can I patent an idea? No, an idea of a new invention cannot be patented.*

To qualify for patent protection, an invention has to be applied to a product or process:

- I. Where it has to be **new**,
- II. Involving an **inventive step**, and
- III. Capable of **industrial application**.

*What is Priority Date?*

The **first date** that the application is lodged with the Patent Office is known as the priority date.

*How do I check whether there are existing inventions similar to mine?*

It is advisable to search on existing patents to see if your invention is the same or similar to the existing patents **before** you apply to register your patent. You can find out more by going to our patent search at <http://ipsearch.bruipo.gov.bn>

There are other useful website to do your search such as:

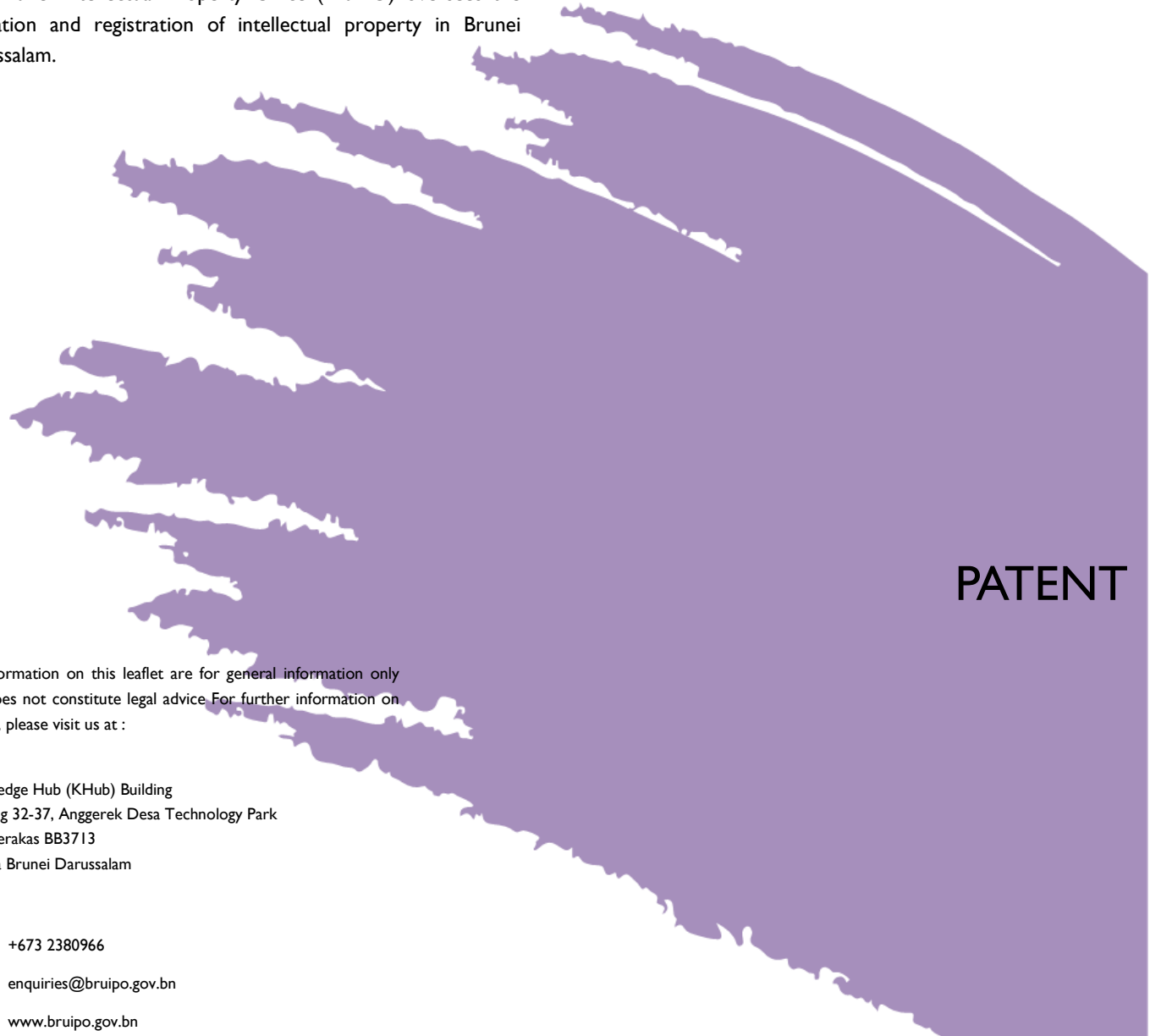
- <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/>
- <https://patentscope.wipo/>
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# PATENT

## What is a Patent?

A patent is an exclusive right granted for an invention, which can be a product or a process, that gives a new technical solution to a problem.

## Why register a Patent?

A Patent gives you certain legal rights, which can deter or stop rival businesses from using or copying your products or invention. A Patent is often required when applying for an investment.

## How does the patent system works in Brunei Darussalam?

It is a 'first-to-file' basis, that is, the first person to file an application will have a priority over others for the same invention.

## How long is Patent protected in Brunei Darussalam?

Twenty (20) years.

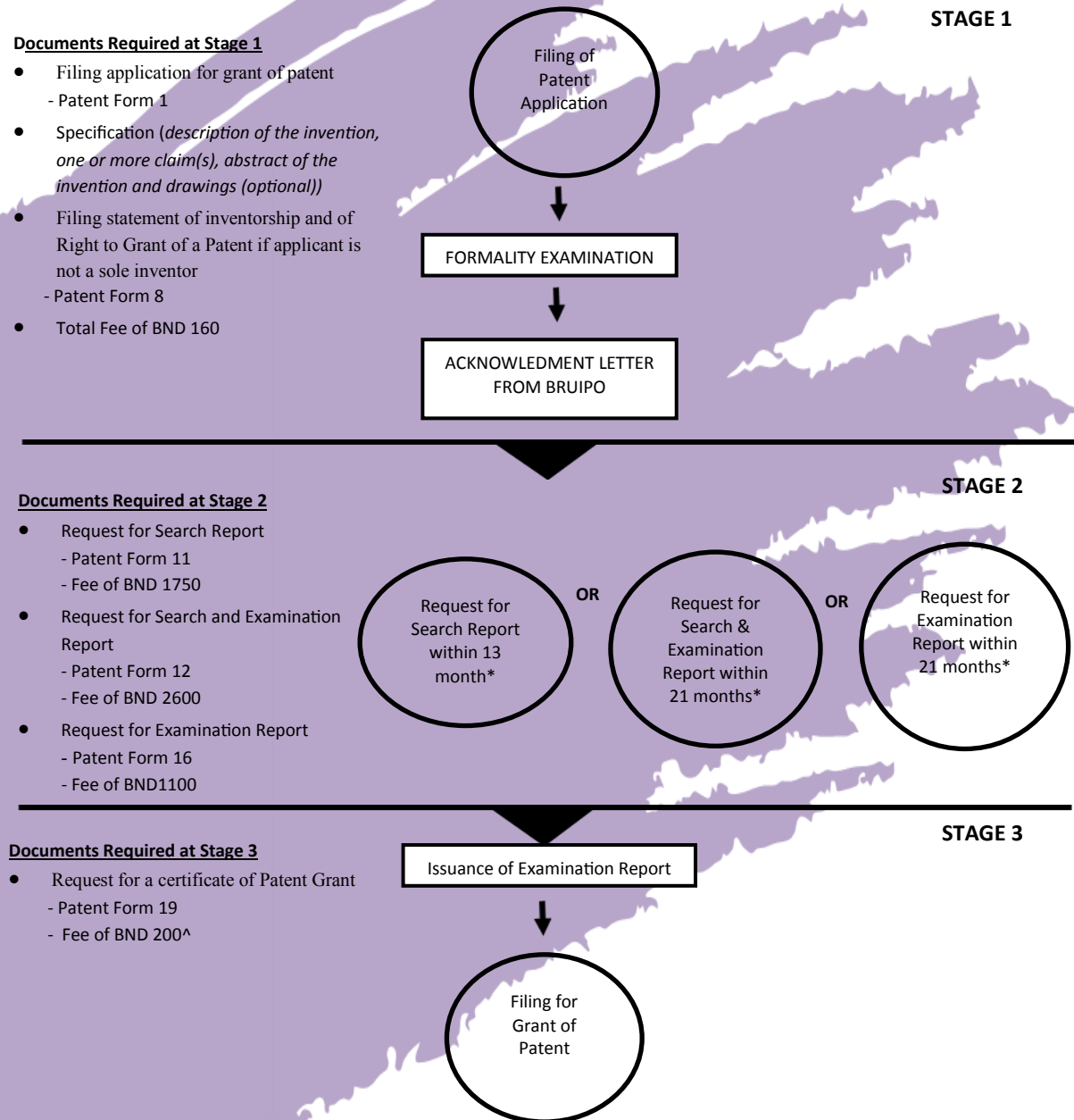
## Can my patent be protected worldwide?

Patent protection is territorial, that is, if you register your patent only in Brunei Darussalam then, it is protected only in Brunei Darussalam.

However, you can protect your patent worldwide by going through the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) process. Brunei Darussalam is a PCT member, therefore, an applicant can apply for a patent protection of its invention simultaneously in each of a large number of countries by filing an international patent application via the PCT.

*The PCT application can be filed through BRUIPO using form PCT/RO/101.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS



\*Due date is calculated from the declared priority date, or where there is no declared priority date, the Date of Filing of the application.

^Additional BND20 for each claim in excess of 25 claims.