

The Intellectual Passport [®] and Patent

Comparative table of estimated costs

List of successive operations and their implications	Patent: Title that one purchases	Intellectual Passport [®] : Natural Property*
Registration	Patent \$150	Copyright \$65
Delivery	9 to 24 months	Immediate
Commercial exploitation rights Duration and cost approx.	National monopoly 20 annual fees: or \$3,500	Worldwide exclusive rights The author's life + 50 to 70 years after his death
Obligations	Obligation to commercially exploit	None
Validity	The country of registry	141 countries (WIPO)**
Secrecy - Confidentiality	Must be published hence disclosed	Unpublished hence preserved
Professional fees (variable costs)	\$5,000 to \$11,000	\$3,000 to \$6,000
Fixed costs	Registration fees \$ 350	<i>Intellectual Passport</i> [®] \$7,630
SUB -TOTAL	\$9,000 to \$15,000	\$10,695 to \$13,695
Costs for international extension in 50 countries Fees+litigations+taxes	Approx. \$250,000 Americas + Europe + Asia	None
Validity	147 countries - WIPO	185 UN member countries
Annual renewal fees (<i>approx.</i>) for 50 countries	+ then \$80,000 (<i>over 20 years</i>)	None
Other fees (<i>approximate</i>)	International business plan \$15,000 minimum 6 international contracts \$40,000 minimum	Business forecasts included 9 sample international contracts included
TOTAL	\$396,000 to \$400,000+ tax	\$10,695 to \$13,695 + tax

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** WIPO: World Intellectual Property Organization (*Geneva, Switzerland*).

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