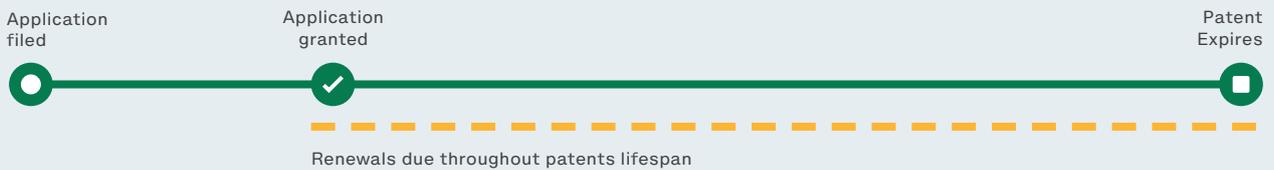


## Patent Annuities: South Africa

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In South Africa, annuity fees are due on the 3rd year anniversary of the filing date. In the IPRIS portal this would be known as the 4th renewal. After this first annuity fee has been paid, annuities are due annually. In order for IPRIS to accurately calculate future South African renewal due dates, the application number and application date is required.

### Fact

Applications in South Africa do not undergo substantive examination. The South African, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), examine if the application complies with formal requirements.

### Renewals are calculated in 2-steps

- 1 We calculate the date the renewal is due.
- 2 We calculate and display what the renewal year will be.



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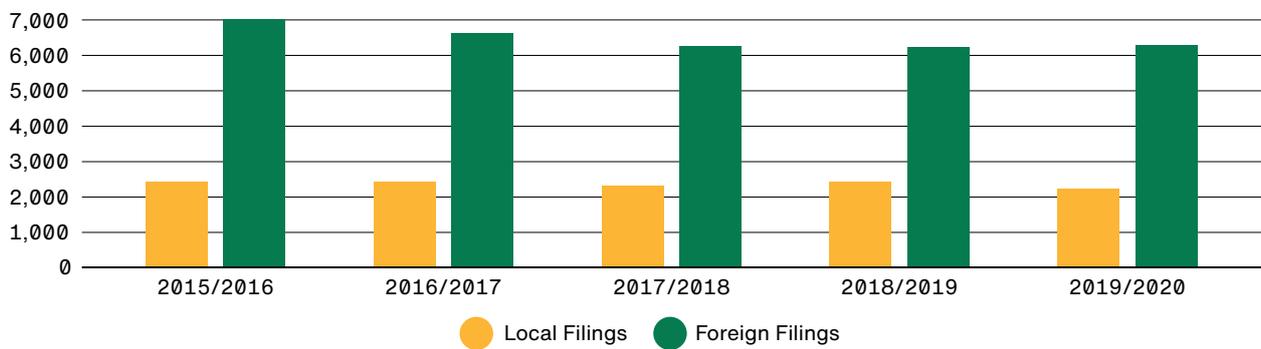


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### Number of patents filed at Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)

Source: [CIPC Annual Report 2019-2020](#)



There has been a decline in local filings over the years as shown by the graph.

The CIPC is working on bringing awareness on the importance of filing patents to the general public and local innovators in South Africa.

### Useful link

Here is a useful link to search patents listed in South African Database:

**CIPC**

### Worked example

If a patent has the filing date of 07/10/2018, the 4th year renewal fee would be due on 07/10/2021.

If the renewal is not paid prior to its respective due date, it is still possible to renew the patent during the grace period. The grace period in South Africa lasts for up to 6 months and late fees are applicable in South Africa.

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