

Enhancements made in this release

1. e-Journal functionality has been incorporated into AusPat with the introduction of a new search field (called "Publication") allowing users to search by Publication Action and Journal Range.
2. The "Acceptance Published Date" search field has been removed. To search for applications by Acceptance Published Date use the new "Publication" search field.
3. Search and display of limited publication history for PATADMIN applications.
4. Ability to launch electronic Journal.
5. Link to add AusPat to Instant Search Box for users with IE 7.

e-Journal

The e-Journal functionality in AusPat 1.3 allows users to search for patent applications by Publication Action and Journal Range. The new "Publication" search field may be used in conjunction with other search fields in both Structured and Advanced Searches.

Actions you can search on in both Structured and Advanced:

1. Journal range,
 - a. Either 'from' and 'to' dates, or
 - b. Volume/Issue number 'from' and 'to'.
2. Publication Actions, (Refer to Structured or Advanced Search Help/ Publication Actions)

General

System availability

There will be a 10 minute period between 3:30am and 4:00am AEST when AusPat is unavailable.

Data

Date of Patent and Expiry Date

Applications sourced from PATADMIN do not have data for the "Date of Patent" or "Expiry Date" data elements. These data elements have been calculated from other available information and in a small number of cases the calculated value may be incorrect.

In particular, "Date of Patent" or "Expiry Date" may not be accurately determined in AusPat for circumstances covered by Regulation 6.3 (2), (4), (5), (6), (7)(a) and (7)(b), or for some circumstances covered by the Patents Act 1952. The date of patent is calculated as if these Regulations did not apply.

Quick Search

Searching anomalies

Do not use Quick Search to search for dates or IPC marks. While some results may be returned for these searches, they will not accurately reflect IP Australia's data holdings. For example, entering a search term that resembles an IPC mark will only return applications where the IPC is listed as the "primary" or "first" IPC mark.

Quick Search should only be used to search for Patent or application numbers, keywords from the Invention title, and Applicant, Inventor or Agent Name.

Users are advised to use Structured Search or Advanced Search to search for IPC marks and dates.

Application status and type are searchable

You may receive additional unexpected results if your search includes any of the following words: accepted, certified, filed, sealed, ceased, expired, refused, revoked, withdrawn, lapsed, converted, standard, innovation, provisional, petty.

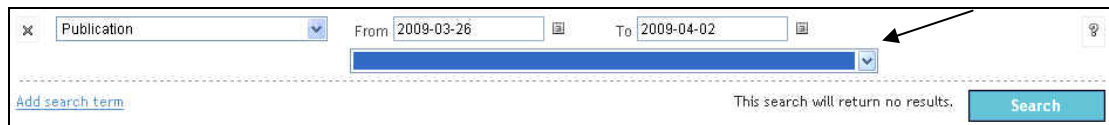
Consider using Structured Search or Advanced Search for greater precision.

Structured Search

Introduction of Publication search field

e-Journal functionality implemented with the introduction of the "Publication" search field.

Usage: To search for Publication data, select "Publication" from the search field drop down menu. Select a date range for your search using the From and To date fields and/or choose one of the searchable Publication actions. Publication Action search field



The screenshot shows a search interface with a dropdown menu set to 'Publication'. Below it are 'From' and 'To' date fields with values '2009-03-26' and '2009-04-02' respectively. A blue bar highlights the search field, and an arrow points to it from the text 'Publication Action search field'. At the bottom, there is a 'Search' button and a message that says 'This search will return no results.' There is also a link for 'Add search term'.

Note: if all or any of the date range fields are left blank, it will default to the beginning or end of the available selection (FROM range will default to 1904-01-01, TO range will default to current date)

Removal of Acceptance Published Date search field

The "Acceptance Published Date" search field has been deleted. To search for applications by Acceptance Published Date use the new Publication search field.

Advanced Search

Introduction of Publication search field

eJournal functionality has been implemented with the introduction of the "Publication Action" selector wizard. You can use this selector to build search queries using either Journal Range or Publication date to restrict searches within a defined timeframe, and / or dropdown list of all searchable Publication Actions.

Note: if all or any of the date range fields are left blank, it will default to the beginning or end of the available selection (FROM range will default to 1904-01-01, TO range will default to current date).

Refer to the Advanced search help file for more information on Publication searching.

Advanced Search Open new [Quick](#), [Structured](#) or [Advanced Search](#)

((1904-01-01 TO 2009-05-06) IN AM)

Publication Selector [Close Selector](#)

Enter a date range, select the type of Publication Action you wish to search for and then click the "Add selection to your search" button.

From To

Amendments:

Your selection has been added to your search query.

[Close Selector](#)

Removal of Acceptance Published Date search field

The "Acceptance Published Date" (AD) search field has been deleted. To search for applications by acceptance published date use the new Publication Action search field.

Application Details

Templates for different application types

Different application types have different fields available for display. There are five different templates used to display data elements for different kinds of patent applications in AusPat.

- Standard Complete
- Innovation
- Petty
- Provisional
- Most applications filed before 1979

A [summary of the elements](#) available for each patent type has been prepared for your information.

Links to specifications

AusPat does not provide links to non-convention, non-PCT applications filed before 17 December 1998. The [AU-A, B, C Patent Specification](#) site contains non-convention, non-PCT applications filed from 1975.