

Countries and Regions Providing COVID-19 Relief Measures ¹		Current to 19/01/2021
Country or Region	Extension of Time Relief Measures	Other Comments or Relief Measures
Afghanistan IPO	All deadlines were extended until 9th May 2020.	Offices re-opened with restricted operations.
Algeria IPO	A grace period of one-month will be granted once business is back to normal.	Office is open, but operating on reduced hours. Online services available.
Andorra IPO	All deadlines are extended until the Office resumes normal operation.	
Angola IPO		Office reopened on 27th April 2020, but operates on reduced hours.
Antigua and Barbuda		Offices reopened with strict restrictions.
Argentina IPO	All deadlines extended until at least 11th October 2020.	The Office has reopened, but not to the public. Online services available.
ARIPO		Closed to the public from 30th March 2020 until further notice. Online services available.
Australia IPO	Until at least 28th February 2021 free (repeatable) extensions of time of up to 3-months are available upon request. Maintenance and renewals deadlines are not able to be extended, but have grace periods for which late fees will be waived. Hearings will be conducted by phone or video conferencing.	Offices closed to the public. Online services available.
Austria IPO	Deadlines from 16th March 2020 to 18th May 2020 were suspended and were reset by adding the number of suspended days up to the initial deadline onto the end of the suspension period. This does not include deadlines for the payment of renewal fees, although it may be possible to request a grace period for the payment.	Offices was closed until 18th May 2020, when it resumed with reduced hours. Online services available.

Azerbaijan IPO	Deadlines are extended to the day on which the office reopens.	Offices closed from 31st March 2020 and re-opened on 31st May 2020. Online services available and filings by email retain the emailed date.
Bahrain IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Online services available.
Bangladesh IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Online services available.
Belarus IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Office closed to the public from 25th March 2020. Email and phone contact available.
Belgium IPO	Extensions of time may be available on a case-by-case basis. Hearings are postponed until further notice.	Office is open, but not to the public.
Belize IPO		Offices closed until further notice. Filings can be made by email, but will be processed later.
Benelux IPO	The Business as Usual date is 25th May 2020. All deadlines from 16th March 2020 to 24th May 2020 were extended until 25th June 2020 as such deadlines are 1-month from the Business as Usual date in which to file the outstanding documents relating to the extended deadline.	Offices closed to public, but meetings can be arranged by prior appointment. Online services available.
Bosnia & Herzegovina IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Offices reopened to public on 11th May 2020. Hearings postponed until further notice. Online services available.
Botswana IPO		Offices closed from 3rd April 2020 until further notice.
Brazil IPO	All deadlines and administrative terms from 16th March 2020 are suspended until 1st June 2020. Applicants will then have the number of days from 16th March 2020 until the original deadline added onto 1st June 2020 for filing the outstanding documents.	In person meetings suspended indefinitely. The Office will temporarily only issue official documents in electronic format. Online services available.

Bulgaria IPO	Deadlines from 13th March 2020 were extended until 13th June 2020, being one month from the lifting of the state of emergency. Restoration can be requested where a right has lapsed due to COVID-19 issues. Hearings postponed until further notice.	Offices re-opened, but public access highly restricted. Online services available.
Cape Verde IPO	Deadlines were extended until 2nd May 2020.	
Canada IPO	All deadlines from 16th March 2020 were extended until 31st August 2020. Hearings and proceedings either postponed or subject to parties consent conducted by video conference.	Office re-opened on 13th May 2020, but not to the public. Online services available .
Chile IPO	Deadlines from 17th March 2020 were extended to at least 15th May 2020.	Office has re-opened to the public, but prior appointment is required. Online services available.
China IPO	Trade Mark deadlines from 28th January 2020 onwards are suspended from the beginning of the impediment until its removal, with the remaining time before the impediment added to the time after the impediment is removed. Restoration of a lapsed Trademark can be requested within 2-months of the removal of the impediment. Patent rights lost due to COVID-19 can be reinstated if applied for within 2-months of the removal of the impediment and no later than two-years from the early expiry date.	Online services available.
Colombia IPO	Procedural terms from 12th March 2020 were suspended until 1st April 2020. From 1st April 2020 only renewals will continue to be suspended until after the state of emergency is lifted.	Offices closed. Online services available.
Croatia IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Offices open under reduced services and hours and require prior appointment. Hearings postponed until further notice. Contact primarily by way of email or phone. Online services available.
Cuba IPO	Deadlines from 27th March 2020 were suspended until 20th October 2020.	Offices re-opened to the public on 20th October 2020.

Cyprus IPO	If a deadline cannot be met, then an extension needs to be requested.	Electronic filing available.
Czech Republic IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Use of online services preferred, restricted in-person Office hours.
Denmark IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Office closed to the public. Online services available.
Djibouti IPO		Office has resumed usual operations.
Dominican Republic IPO	Deadlines from 17th March 2020 were extended until 6th July 2020.	Offices have re-opened with restricted services. Online services available.
EAPO	Deadlines from 28th March 2020 were extended until 25th May 2020. There is no extension for priority deadlines. Originals of documents uploaded or sent during the closure need to be filed by 25th June 2020.	Office were closed to the public until 25th May 2020. Online services available.
Ecuador IPO	Deadlines from 16th March 2020 were extended until 16th July 2020.	Suspended operations from 16th March 2020 until 16th July 2020. Online service available, but documents submitted online must subsequently be sent in physical form.
Egypt IPO	Deadlines from 25th March 2020 were extended to 25th June 2020.	Suspended all operations from 27th March 2020. Resumed operations from 26th April 2020, and is now open to the public. Backlog was processed prior to processing new applications.
El Salvador IPO	Deadlines for administrative procedures were extended from 12th March 2020 until 16th June 2020.	Closed from 20th March 2020 and re-opened to the public on 18th June 2020.

EPO	Time periods expiring from 15th March 2020 are automatically extended to 2nd June 2020. This does not include deadlines that are not defined as periods. An example of a non-qualifying deadline is the requirement that divisionals can only be filed while the parent application is pending. No further blanket extensions are provided, but extensions can be granted on a case by case basis. Late renewals made during the period 15th March 2020 until 31st August 2020 will not be subject to a surcharge. Oral proceedings for oppositions are cancelled until 14th September 2020 unless the parties agree to hold it by video-conference. Oral proceedings in respect of examination will be held by video conference. Aside from the above it can also be possible to late-file documents if shown that exceptional circumstances caused disruption to relevant delivery systems in the 10-days prior to the deadline. The late filed documents need to be filed within 5 days of the end of the disruption.	Apart from the standard additional period of 6-months for paying renewals with a surcharge it appears that the standard renewal deadline does not qualify for any automatic extension. However, the additional period appears to qualify for automatic extensions. Online services available.
Estonia IPO	Extension of deadlines can be requested and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Reinstatement can be requested up to 6-months after the deadline.	Office re-opened to the public. Online services available .
Ethiopia	Deadlines from 20th March 2020 were extended to 19th July 2020.	All operations suspended from 27th March 2020 until 4th May 2020.

EUIPO	All deadlines expiring from 9th March 2020 to 17th May 2020 are automatically extended to 18th May 2020. This specifically includes Paris Convention filings. Any subsequent extension to deadlines needs to be requested on a case by case basis. Deadlines set by the regulations cannot be extended, but Office set deadlines can, and extensions will generally be allowed where disruptions are still being experienced. Where a right lapses due to an unmet expired deadline despite all due care being exercised reinstatement is possible if requested within 2-months of the removal of the cause of non-compliance and within 12-months of the missed deadline.	Offices re-opened, but not to the public. Online services available .
Finland IPO	Deadlines set by law cannot be extended, but Office set deadlines can provided requested with reasons before the deadline expires. Restoration might be possible.	Offices closed to the public until 3rd August 2020. Helsinki office re-closed in December 2020 until 31st January 2021. Online services available.
France IPO	Deadlines from 12th March 2020 to 23rd June 2020 were extended to either 23rd July 2020 or 23rd August 2020 depending on whether the initial deadline was for 1-month or for 2 or more months.	Offices closed to the public from November 2020. Online services available.
Georgia IPO	Period from 3rd January 2021 until 15th January 2021 declared as non-working days.	Was closed from 30th March 2020 and re-opened on 8th June 2020, but use of remote services preferred. Re-closed from 3rd January 2021 until 15th January 2021. Online services available.
Germany IPO	Office set deadlines were extended until 4th May 2020. Deadlines set by law cannot be extended, but restoration may be available. Hearings have been suspended.	Offices closed to the public. Online services available.
Ghana IPO		Office resumed its activities, apart from meetings.

Greece IPO	Deadlines for patents, SPCs, utility models and designs from 11th March 2020 were suspended until 12th June 2020, with the exception of renewals as they can only be paid electronically. All deadlines for trade marks were suspended until 12th June 2020. No further extensions will be granted.	Office was closed to the public from 16th March 2020 and re-opened on 9th June 2020. Online services available.
Hague Agreement	Failure to meet a time limit due to COVID-19 issues will be excused upon evidence if remedied with 5-days of the interruption being removed, and at the latest 6-months from the time limit expiry. Where contracting offices are closed actions that were due during the closure can be done on the first day that the office reopens.	Unable to send or receive physical post until further notice. Online services available.
Honduras IPO		Office re-opened on 21st May 2020. Online Trade Mark applications available.
Hong Kong IPO	Deadlines from 7th January 2021 are extended to 21st January 2021. Deadlines from 2nd December 2020 were extended to 24th December 2020. Deadlines from 20th July 2020 were extended to 7th September 2020. Deadlines from 23rd March 2020 were extended to 27th April 2020.	Office re-opened to the public from 27th April 2020. Office re-closed from 20th July 2020. Online services available.
Hungary IPO	Deadlines from 31st March 2020 that were set by the Office were extended to 2nd June 2020. Statutory deadlines cannot be extended, but reinstatement can be requested with reasons.	Offices re-opened to the public on 2nd June 2020. However, hearings will continue via video-conferencing. Contact to be made via email. Online services available .
Iceland IPO	Deadlines from 3rd April 2020 that were set by the Office were extended to 4th May 2020. Statutory deadlines cannot be extended, but reinstatement can be requested with reasons.	Offices were closed from 16th March 2020 until 18th May 2020.
Indian IPO	All deadlines from 25th March 2020 are extended until further notice. Show-Cause Hearings to be conducted via video-conference.	Office reopened on 18th May 2020. Online services available .
Indonesia IPO	Office deadlines were extended until 5th June 2020.	Offices re-opened on 5th June 2020, but remain closed to the public. Online services available.

Iraq IPO	Deadlines were extended to 13th June 2020. Deadlines have again been extended until further notice.	All operations suspended from 27th March 2020 until 13th June 2020. Curfew reimposed from 30th July 2020 to 10th August 2020. Office resumed partial operations in November 2020.
Ireland IPO	All deadlines from 13th March 2020 were extended to 3rd June 2020.	Offices closed to the public. Online services available.
Israel IPO	Deadlines were extended until 11th May 2020 if delay due to COVID-19 issues. Tribunal Hearings up to 10th May 2020 are suspended and will be rescheduled.	Office reopened on 10th May 2020. Online services available.
Italy IPO	All deadlines from 23rd February 2020 to 15th May 2020 were extended to 15th June 2020. All IP rights that expired early between 31st January 2020 and 31st July 2020 will retain their validity until 29th October 2020. Renewal and maintenance fees are payable by 30th June 2020.	Offices reopened, but remain closed to the public. Online services available.
Japan IPO	From 12th January 2021 the JPO is being more flexible with granting extensions and the evidence required. Since 18th May 2020 any extensions needed to be requested with evidence. Prior to that most statutory deadlines missed due to COVID-19 issues could be extended until either 14-days (local applicants) or 2-months (foreign applicants) after removal of the impediment - up to a limit of 1-year from the deadline. Priority deadlines could be extended by up to 2-months from the due date. Other statutory deadlines could be extended by 2-months from the removal of the impediment - up to a limit of 1-year from the deadline. JPO designated deadlines can be extended upon documented request.	Offices closed to the public. Online services available.
Jordan IPO	Deadlines from 18th March 2020 were extended to 31st July 2020. Reinstatement can be requested if delay in meeting time limit caused by COVID-19 issues.	Office re-opened to the public on 26th May 2020.

Kazakhstan IPO		Office closed from 16th March 2020 until further notice. State of emergency ended on 11th May 2020, but Office yet to re-open to the public. Online services available.
Kenya IPO		Reduced office functions. Filing via email recommended.
Kuwait IPO	Deadlines from 12th March 2020 were extended until 19th July 2020.	Suspended operations from 12th March 2020 until 16th July 2020.
Laos IPO		Offices re-opened on 3rd May 2020.
Latvia IPO		Closed from 30th March 2020 and re-opened to the public on 10th June 2020. From 12th October 2020 restricted public access available. Some fees are being waived. Online services available.
Lebanon IPO	Deadlines from 4th August 2020 are extended until 25th January 2021. Deadlines from 11th March 2020 were extended to 26th May 2020.	Office began resuming operations from 4th May 2020. National state of emergency reimposed from 30th July 2020 to 10th August 2020, and again until 25th January 2021.
Lesotho IPO		Office closed until further notice.
Liberia IPO		Offices were closed from 10th April 2020 until 1st May 2020.
Libya IPO	Deadlines from 22nd March 2020 are extended until further notice.	Office was closed from 16th March 2020 but has resumed limited operations.
Lithuania IPO	Deadlines from 14th March 2020 were suspended until 1st June 2020. The period from 14th March 2020 to the deadline is added to the deadline.	Closed from 30th March 2020 and re-opened on 1st June 2020. Online services available.
Madagascar IPO		Office resumed operations from 2nd June 2020, but subsequently closed again from 6th July 2020 until further notice. Online services available.

Madrid Protocol	Failure to meet a time limit due to COVID-19 issues will be excused upon evidence if remedied with 5-days of the interruption being removed, and at the latest 6-months from the time limit expiry. Where contracting offices are closed actions that were due during the closure can be done on the first day that the office reopens.	Unable to send or receive physical post until further notice. Online services available.
Malaysian IPO	All Office action, appeals, oppositions and payment deadlines (including renewals) were extended until 16th June 2020. Priority deadlines that expired up until 9th June 2020 were due on 10th June 2020. Oppositions suspended from 13th January 2021 to 26th January 2021.	Closed from 17th March 2020 until 9th May 2020 when it resumed with reduced hours and services. The country is still subject to conditional movement controls up until 31st August 2020. Online services available, although applications filed via Madrid are not currently available.
Malta IPO		Offices closed to the public. Online services available.
Mauritius IPO	All deadlines were extended until 1st June 2020.	Offices re-opened on 4th May 2020.
Mexico IPO	All deadlines were extended until 13th July 2020. Court proceedings resumed from 1st June 2020.	Offices temporarily reopened from 6th July 2020 to 10th July 2020. However, appointments can be made for the receipt of physical documents. Online services available.
Moldova IPO	All deadlines from 17th March 2020 were suspended until 18th May 2020.	Office closed from 19th March 2020 and re-opened on 4th May 2020. Online services available .
Montenegro IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Closed from 23rd March 2020 and re-opened on 2nd June 2020 and re-opened to the public on 22nd June 2020. Contact by email only. Online services available.
Morocco IPO	All deadlines from 24th March 2020 were extended until 27th July 2020.	Office has re-opened, but not to the public. Online services available.
Netherlands IPO	Extensions of up to 2-months available for soft deadlines. Some deadlines cannot be extended, but restoration may be available if related to COVID-19.	Office re-opened on 18th May 2020, but remains closed to the public. Online services available.

New Zealand IPO	Extension of time requests related to COVID-19 are treated favourably, but considered on a case-by-case basis. Various patent deadlines were getting an extension of time 2-weeks before the deadline up until at least 31st July 2020. In particular the deadlines for requesting examination, responding to examination reports and for putting the application in order for acceptance. IPONZ will not automatically extend deadlines for trade mark owners to file their counterstatement and evidence in revocation proceedings for non-use of a trade mark. Where acceptance has been postponed any further postponement needs to be specifically requested. If a divisional is filed after the expiry of the 5-year deadline then an extension of time needs to be specifically requested. Unsworn versions of declarations and affidavits are being accepted provided that a sworn version is filed as soon as reasonably possible.	Online services available.
Nigeria IPO	All deadlines from February 2020 onwards are extended until after the end of the lockdown period.	Was closed from 30th March 2020, but now operating on reduced hours. Online services available.
North Macedonia IPO	All deadlines are extended until one day after the lifting of the emergency measures.	Office re-opened to the public on 27th May 2020.
Norway IPO	If requested before the deadline, extensions of at least two months will be granted for designs and trademarks and two months will be granted for patents. Extensions only available for time periods set by NIPO and not for those set by law. If a user fails to meet a specific deadline or loses registered rights during this period, users can now request re-establishment of those rights within two-months of becoming aware of the missed deadline.	Office closed to the public until further notice. Online services available.
OAPI	Deadlines from 18th March 2020 to 31st May 2020 were extended to 15th July 2020.	Office is open, but operating on reduced hours. Online services available.

Oman IPO	All deadlines except for priority claims were extended until 8th October 2020.	Office operational.
Pakistan IPO	Deadlines from 24th March 2020 were extended to 11th May 2020. Hearings remain suspended until further notice.	Was closed to the public from 24th March 2020 and re-opened on 11th May 2020. Email and phone contact available.
Panama IPO	Deadlines extended until at least 7th June 2020.	Offices closed to the public until further notice. Correspondence only by email.
Paraguay IPO	Deadlines were extended until 30th June 2020.	Office re-opened on 5th May 2020 and re-opened to the public on 22nd June 2020. Online services available.
Patent Cooperation Treaty	Extension of deadlines may be requested via Rule 82 quater(1), although this does not apply to the time limit for priority filings. The International Bureau (IB) is interpreting the COVID-19 pandemic as falling within the excuse of delay in meeting PCT time limits under PCT Rule 82quater.1 on the basis that it qualifies as a natural calamity or other like reason. In its role as a receiving Office (RO/IB) it will treat requests under that provision favourably and not require evidence. However, that provision does not provide a remedy for applications that are considered to be withdrawn and so the RO/IB delayed issuing such notifications until 30th June 2020.	Unable to send or receive physical post until further notice. Online services available.
Peru IPO	Deadlines were extended until 17th June 2020.	Office re-opened to the public on 17th June 2020. Users must provide an email address for contact. Online services available.

Philippines IPO	Deadlines from 20th July 2020 to 18th August 2020 are progressively extended until 19th August 2020 to 2nd September 2020. Deadlines falling from 16th March 2020 to 30th June 2020 were extended until 1st July 2020. Deadlines that resume the day after the office opens were due on 26th May 2020. New applications and priority filings need to be made through the online filing system, with no extension available, although payment can be made up to 60 days later. Hearings up to 25th May 2020 were suspended.	Office closed to the public from 16th March 2020 to 25th May 2020. Offices temporarily re-closed to the public from 20th July 2020 to 27th July 2020, and again from 6th August 2020 to 18th August 2020. Online services available.
Poland IPO	Deadlines from 8th March 2020 to 30th June 2020 were extended to 1st July 2020.	Offices closed to the public until further notice. Online services available.
Portugal IPO	Deadlines from 13th March 2020 were extended until 16th April 2020. All subsequent dealings need to be made online with no extensions.	Offices closed to the public through to 31st December 2020. Online services available.
Qatar	Deadlines were extended, except payment of annuities, examination and grant fees which can be paid online, but deadlines no longer extended.	Online services available.
Romania IPO	All deadlines that would otherwise have expired while the Office was closed were suspended and their remaining term started to run again from 15th May 2020.	The Office was closed from 9th March 2020 to 14th May 2020. Online services available.
Russia IPO	Deadlines from 30th March 2020 were extended to 18th May 2020. Further extensions need to be requested.	Office reopened on 18th May 2020. Online services available.
Sao Tome and Principe IPO		Offices re-opened on 18th May 2020.
Saudi Arabia IPO	Deadlines were extended until 3rd May 2020. Payment of annuities extended to 31st August 2020.	Suspended operations from 16th March 2020, but has now re-opened. Online services available.

Serbia IPO	The state of emergency was lifted on 6th May 2020 and all deadlines that would otherwise have expired during the state of emergency were extended until 30-days after the ending of the state of emergency - hence on 5th June 2020.	Offices have re-opened to the public. Online services available.
Singapore IPO	Deadlines from 7th April 2020 were extended to 5th June 2020.	Offices are closed, with staff working remotely. Online services available.
Sint Maarten IPO		Offices reopened to the public from 30th November 2020, but prior appointment no longer necessary since 18th January 2021. Email and phone contact available.
Slovakia IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Office reopened on 18th May 2020. Re-closed to the public from 7th January 2021 to 24th January 2021. Online services available .
Slovenia IPO	Various time limits did not run, including deadlines for opposition and maintenance of rights, and were suspended until 1st June 2020. However, some exceptions do occur for matters deemed to be "urgent", including the issuing of priority certificates for patents, trademarks and designs.	The office was closed to the public from 29th March 2020 until 31st May 2020. Restricted public access allowed. Online services available.
South Africa IPO	Deadlines from 25th March 2020 to 30th April 2020 were extended to 1st May 2020, but were only marked as lapsed on 6th May 2020 if not responded to.	Office and online services closed from 24th March 2020. Online services resumed on 1st May 2020. Office reopened to staff on 4th May 2020, and to the public from 8th June 2020 (except for Cape Town Office). Offices re-closed from 18th January 2021 to 29th January 2021.
South Korea IPO	Deadlines from 24th March 2020 were extended to 31st May 2020. In some cases the extension is automatic while it needs to be requested for statutorily designated due dates. Deadlines for Final Rejections and Decisions for Grant are not extended.	Office has re-opened to the public. Online services available.
Spain IPO	From 16th March 2020 all pending deadlines were suspended until 1st June 2020, when they resumed running again for the remaining period they had on 16th March 2020.	Office reopened to the public on 25th June 2020. Online services available.

Sri Lanka IPO	Deadlines that expired between 16th March 2020 to 31st May 2020 were extended until 31st July 2020.	Office reopened on 11th May 2020 and re-opened to the public on 1st July 2020. Subsequently restricted access to the office since October 2020 as at January 2021. Applications can be sent as scanned copies via email and will be given a filing date and number once services resume based upon filing and payment date.
Sudan IPO	All deadlines from 18th March 2020 were extended to 8th July 2020.	Office closed until 8th July 2020 and opened to the public on 19th July 2020.
Sweden IPO	Extension of time of upto 4-months is available upon request.	Office re-opened and available to the public during restricted hours. Online services available.
Switzerland IPO	Deadlines from 21st March 2020 to 19th April 2020 were extended until 20th April 2020. 2-month extensions of time are routinely being granted for Office deadlines, but discretion is not available for statutory deadlines. Requests for further processing can be made within 2-months of being notified of expiry. Reinstatement of trade marks and designs can be requested within 30-days of removal of the cause of non-compliance, while the period is 2-month for patents.	Offices have reopened to the public, but from 2nd November 2020 appointments are required. Online services available.
Syria IPO	All deadlines extended until 1st July 2020.	All operations were suspended from 27th March 2020 until the office re-opened on 1st June 2020.
Taiwan IPO	Requests for extension of time will be considered and usually granted for 1-month with further extensions possible. Similarly, reinstatement can be requested with supporting evidence.	Office re-closed to the public in November 2020. Online services available.
Tunisia IPO	All deadlines from 23rd March 2020 were extended to 5th May 2020.	Office resumed activities on 4th May 2020 with limited operations. Online services available.
Turkey IPO	Deadlines from 13th March 2020 were extended until 15th June 2020. This appears to include Paris Convention filings.	Offices closed to the public. Online services available.
United Arab Emirates IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Online services available.

United Kingdom IPO	Deadlines from 24th March 2020 were extended until normal operations resumed on 30th July 2020. This includes Paris Convention filings. Renewal deadlines that fall after the period of interruption ends will not be extended, but until 31st March 2021 the late payment fees will be zero for patents and designs and 1 Pound for trade marks. Also until 31st March 2021 extension of time, reinstatement and restoration fees will be zero and for patents there will be no surcharge for late payment of the application fee. The period of interruption for trade marks and designs only extends time periods mentioned in the Trade Mark and Registered Designs Rules. Any deadlines set by the Trade Mark and Designs Acts are not extendable. The period of interruption for patents extends all time periods mentioned in the Patents Act and Rules. Hearings are continuing by virtually.	London office re-closed from 7th January 2021 until at least 18th February 2021. Paper and faxed documents are not being processed. Either file via the online services or by email.
United States IPO	Non-Statutory and patent priority deadlines from 27th March 2020 to 30th July 2020 can be extended up to 31st July 2020 if accompanied by a reinstatement petition explaining why the delay qualifies as being COVID-19 related. Further extensions may be available on a case by case basis. For Small and Micro Entities patent application, prosecution, issue and maintenance fees can be paid by 30th September 2020 when suitable reason for delay given. Interruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic will allow extensions of time for PTAB filings or scheduled proceedings to be requested with the PTAB. A petition for revival or reinstatement must be filed by 31st July 2020. Patent term extensions can also be applied for. For trade marks deadlines were extended up to 1st June 2020.	Petition fees waived for the revival of an unintentionally abandoned application, for the unintentionally delayed payment of the fee for issuing a patent, or for the revival of an unintentionally terminated reexamination proceeding. Online services available.
Uruguay IPO	No specific measures adopted, but extensions of time may be available through current IP laws.	Office closed to the public. Online services available.

Uzbekistan IPO	Deadlines extended until 15th June 2020.	Offices closed to the public. Online services available.
Venezuela IPO	All deadlines are extended until the Office resumes normal operation.	Offices closed to the public. Contact available via email.
Vietnam IPO	Deadlines from 30th March 2020 to 30th April 2020 were extended to 30th May 2020. This includes Paris Convention filings.	Offices closed to the public from 30th March 2020 and re-opened on 5th May 2020. Online services available .
Zimbabwe IPO		Offices re-opened on 17th May 2020, but are closed to the public.
¹ This schedule primarily relates to relief measures available for current applications and registrations. If the relevant IPO allows for online filing, then assume that new applications can be made during any specified suspension period. However, delays can be expected in the processing of such applications.		