Innography is one of the few Intellectual Property software providers to calculate worldwide patent expiration dates. This effort can be complex, yet understanding when a patent expires impacts both its monetary and strategic value.

The rules for determining patent expiration depend on several dozen factors and vary by country. The basic calculations involve determining the starting date, often the issuance or priority date, and then adding on the appropriate lifespan for the type of patent. For example, in the US, a utility patent would have a 20-year lifespan, versus a design patent, which has a 14-year lifespan.

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- Term Adjustments
- 1995 Rule
- Continuity Priorities
- Legal Status Events
- Abandonments
- Terminal Disclaimers
- Maintenance Activities

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Since patent expiration dates are both vital and somewhat complex, we expose the rule details that ultimately represent the expiration on the Patent Overview page.

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