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What is a plant variety right?

See [What is a plant variety right?](#)

What kinds of plant varieties are covered?

Plant Variety Rights are presently available for varieties of any kind of plant other than algae and bacteria.

Note: Following international custom in the world of plant variety protection the word "variety" is used not in the sense of a "botanical variety" but rather as being synonymous with "cultivar" or "cultivated variety".

How long does my plant variety right last?

Plant Variety Rights are granted for a term of 20 years in the case of non-woody plants, or 23 years in the case of woody plants, beginning from the date when Rights are granted.

How do I apply for a plant variety right?

See [How to apply for a plant variety right.](#)

How can I search for a plant variety right?

[Search the PVR database](#) to search for plant variety rights.

What happens after my application is received?

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How do I maintain my plant variety right?

See [Maintaining a PVR](#).

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