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#### [Succinctness of claims](#)

Section 10(4) of the Patents Act 1953 requires that claims of a complete specification must be succinct. The following provides information about meeting the requirement of succinctness.

#### [Contrary to morality | Raising objections under section 17\(1\)](#)

A practice note relating to raising objections under s17(1) of the Patents Act 1953.

#### [Guidelines for the examination of Swiss-type claims](#)

#### [Medical treatment of humans](#)

A guide to the examination of applications relating to the Medical Treatment of Humans under the Patents Act 1953 (“the Act”)

#### [Request for postponement of acceptance under section 20\(1\) of the Patents Act 1953](#)

Methods for requesting postponement of acceptance

#### [Discretionary extensions of time under section 93\(1\) for patent examination correspondence](#)

This is a guide for granting discretionary extensions during examination to accommodate delays in replying to applicants' submissions, and for calculating the extension and extended date.

#### [Post-dating at applicant's request](#)

Post-dating means changing the application filing date to a later date and is only applied to applications/specifications that have not been accepted. Once post-dated, the application is deemed for all purposes to have been filed on the later date.

#### [Restoration before acceptance](#)

A patent application that has become void before acceptance because the applicant has failed to comply with the requirements imposed by the Patent Law, and in particular, by the IPONZ examiner, can be restored.

#### [Antedated divisional applications](#)

A change in practice relating to the filing of provisional specifications with a new divisional application.

### [IPONZ International Patent Classification of patents](#)

Information about classification practice and searching patents by class and classification system.

### [English Language Translation – Entry into New Zealand PCT National Phase](#)

IPONZ practice relating to the requirements for filing verified translations for entry into New Zealand PCT National Phase.

### [Online filing facility for patent applications](#)

An online facility for filing of patent applications was introduced by IPONZ in early November 2008. The facility has a number of differences from the existing methods of filing a patent application on paper.

### [Swiss-type claims \(superseded\)](#)

A guide to the examination of applications relating to the Swiss-type claims under the Patents Act 1953 (“the Act”).

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