

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

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Circular No. 4/2026: Extension of Time Pilot for Search and/or Examination Report Requests Extended by One Year

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(Circular No. 4/2026, dated 12 August 2026)

1. In August 2024, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) launched a pilot initiative to allow eligible applicants to extend the period prescribed for filing requests for search and/or examination reports¹ (“S&E requests”) by 18 months, at no cost.
2. IPOS will be extending the pilot for 1 year following positive feedback from stakeholders. With the extension, applicants whose period prescribed for filing S&E requests expires between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2027 (both dates inclusive) are eligible for this pilot initiative.
3. All other aspects of the pilot initiative published under Circular No. 4/2024 remain the same.
4. If you have any enquiries, contact us at ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg.

¹ Requests for search and examination reports¹ under section 29(1)(b), and requests for examination reports under section 29(1)(c) or section 29(3) of the Patents Act 1994