

## Zambia

Zambia provides in Chapter 30 of the Legal Practitioners Act for the client-attorney privileges and rights. To practice in Zambia as an attorney that person must be a resident and registered in accordance with the Legal Practitioners Act. The functions, qualifications and privileges of patent agents are regulated in Part X of the Patent Act of Zambia. According to Section 67 Patent Act, a patent agent may draw and sign all documents and make all communications between an applicant and the patent Office and may represent an applicant at all attendances before the Office. According to Section 68 Patent Act, patent agents have to be registered. Only persons ordinarily resident in Zambia could register as patent agent after having passed certain prescribed examinations and fulfilling other qualifications. No other persons than registered patent agents are allowed to practice as patent agents, with the exception of legal practitioners registered in Zambia. There are no information on cross-border aspects of the confidentiality of communications between clients and their patent attorneys.