

# Calendar Dates 2022

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## 1. Identification page

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## 2. Questions page

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1. How does your office order calendar date components in published documents when using dates consisting only of numbers? Select all that apply.

Day first, such as 01.09.1997 (DD.MM.CCYY)

**Comments:** Only used for Patent publication documents

2. How does your office separate date components in published documents? Select all that apply.

dot, as in CCYY.MM.DD

space, as in CCYY MM DD

**Comments:**

3. Are leading zeroes omitted from any date components?

Consider the date September 1, 1997. Select all that apply.

Leading zeroes omitted for both day DD and month MM, such as 1997.9.1

**Comments:** On the Designs Journal & Designs Case Enquiry Service

4. Does your office ever spell out the names of months in published dates? Select all that apply.

Yes, we use full month names such as September 1, 1997

**Comments:** For all journals and case enquiry systems (Patents, Trade Marks & Designs)

5. If your office spells out months, which languages do you use for month names? Select all that apply. If a language has multiple variations of month names, indicate in the comments which variation your office uses.

English

**Comments:**

6. Please select all the date formats used by your office below. If multiple formats or separators are selected, indicate what types of documents or data use each one.

Format - Year first

	Separator(s)					Used for
	dot	dash	slash	space	none	
CCYY.MM.DD (e.g. 1997.09.01)						
CCYY.(M)M.(D)D (e.g. 1997.9.1)						
YY.MM.DD (e.g. 97.09.01)						
YY.(M)M.(D)D (e.g. 97.9.1)						

**Comments:** No "year" first formats are used.

**7. Please select all the date formats used by your office below. If multiple formats or separators are selected, indicate what types of documents or data use each one.**

**Format - Day first**

	Separator(s)					Used for
	dot	dash	slash	space	none	
DD.MM.CCYY (e.g. 01.09.1997)	X					Patent Publication documents
DD.MM.YY (e.g. 01.09.97)						
(D)D.MM.YY (e.g. 1.09.97)						
(D)D.(M)M.YY (e.g. 1.9.97)						

**Comments:**

**8. Please select all the date formats used by your office below. If multiple formats or separators are selected, indicate what types of documents or data use each one.**

**Format - Month names**

	Name format		Used for
	full month name	abbreviated	
DD [month] CCYY (e.g. 01 September 1997)	X		Patent case enquiry, Trade Mark journal & case enquiry
(D)D [month] CCYY (e.g. 1 September 1997)	X		Design Journal & case enquiry
[month] DD CCYY (e.g. September 01, 1997)			
[month] (D)D CCYY (e.g. September 1, 1997)			
Other format - specify using C, Y, M, D, and [month] (specify in comments)			

**Comments:**

**9. In your IT systems, what format(s) are dates for IP documents and data stored in?**

**Please select all formats used by your various IT systems for dates related to IP documents and data.**

As a database field with a date or datetime datatype. This stores separate values for the full year, month, and day, sometimes with values for time components as well.

As another integer-based offset. For instance, some systems use a counter for the number of days since a fixed date like 1 Jan 1900, or a counter for the number of years since a fixed year like 1926.

**Comments:** Patent dates for structured data stored as julian dates as the system is still based on an IDSMX mainframe. Will be changed when system transformed in approx. next 18 months

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**10. What is the maximum year your systems are capable of storing? If your systems use multiple digital date storage formats, select all that apply.**

**Note - when the “maximum date” is exceeded in affected systems, the date rolls back to the beginning of the time period, such as January 1, 1970. The result is similar to Y2K issues. For references on this topic, see**

**[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time\\_formatting\\_and\\_storage\\_bugs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_formatting_and_storage_bugs).**

Other maximum. (specify in comments)

**Comments:** Yes, on core Patent bibliographic system pre Transformation but not for other systems - limit is 2099.

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**11. Are there any other considerations that users should be aware of with dates in your published documents? If so, please provide an explanation and examples. For instance, Japanese documents often indicate the year of the Emperor’s reign, as explained in the [current Part 7.1](#).**

No

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**12. Optional - If you wish to provide any file attachments with examples from your other answers (such as question 11), please do so here.**

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## 4. Thank You!

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