

MINI-GUIDE ON HOW TO GET A PATENT

PRIOR ART SEARCH

Search prior art in order not to re-invent something that is already available. This reduces costs and time wasting. Use this phase to read and get familiar to the patent documents in your technological field. This will help to write your patent application in the future.

FILE AN APPLICATION

Hire a patent agent - it's not mandatory, but highly advisable.

Write your application. Use the description to make comments on the prior inventions in order to let it clear why your invention is surprising (non-obvious) when compared to them. File your application in the Patent Office of your Country.

DEMAND EXAMINATION

Pay the fee so that your application is examined; it will go to a waiting line; just wait. Don't get scared with the long time waiting! The Offices suffer with a backlog. Don't worry! You don't need to wait for the decision to put your invention on the market; in case it is granted it is protected since the application date.

PUBLISHING OF THE APPLICATION

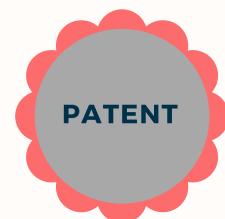
Your application will be kept secret for a while; use this time to evaluate if it is the case of filing a copy of your application in other countries of interest. Consider the possibility of an international application (PCT).

ANSWER THE EXAMINER

Read with the attention the examiner's report. Do what he/she asks or use your right to complain. Remember: no one is more specialized in your invention than yourself, be kind!

PATENT ISSUE

If the technical exam concludes that the your invention is patentable and no competitor appeals; You may get your:



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