

## USPTO PATENT PROCESS OVERVIEW

An 8-step overview of a patent application and maintenance process.

### Detail Description:

This free information can start you down the path to answer the following:

- Step 1: Determine the type of Intellectual Property protection that you need
- Step 2: Determine if your invention is patentable
- Step 3: What kind of patent do you need?
- Step 4: Get ready to apply
- Step 5: Prepare and submit your initial application
- Step 6: Work with your examiner
- Step 7: Receive your approval
- Step 8: Maintain your patent

### How Much Does it Cost:

- Free

### What Can I Expect:

Great information to get you started on your patent journey.

### How to Get Started:

- Go to: [www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/patent-process-overview](http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/patent-process-overview)

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