

PATENT FILING PROCESS IN BRAZIL

Time line	Stage		Action	Investment
0	0	Search	Google, INPI, Espacenet, USPTO search, etc	Professional fee
0	1	Patent application	File in the INPI (National Institute of Industrial Property)	Official fee Professional fee
18 months	2	Publication (90 days period where 3rd parties may file objections)	Automatic Early publication - optional	No charges included Official fee Professional fee
24 months	3	Annuity fee for patent application	3rd annuity fee payment period opens	
27 months			3rd annuity fee payment period closes	Official fee Professional fee
33 months			3rd annuity fee payment grace period closes	Official fee Professional fee
36 months	4	Substantive Examination	Request of Substantive Examination period closes	Official fee Professional fee
36months up to granting	5	Annuity fee for patent application	4th annuity fee and up (paid annually) period opens	
+ 3 months			Annuity fee payment period closes after 3 month from opening date	Official fee Professional fee
+ 9 months			Annuity fee payment "grace period" closes after 9 month from opening date	Official fee Professional fee
5 to 10 years	6	Formal opinion (Office Action)	Reply to a negative office action and/or	Official fee Professional fee
			Attend to an official demand and/or	Official fee Professional fee
			Grant of patent application	Official fee Professional fee
			Publication of Rejection	No charges included
2 months from date of stage 6	7	Appeal or Grant	Appeal against rejection and/or	Official fee Professional fee
			Grant of patent application	Official fee Professional fee
Annuities	8	Annuity fee for granted patent	Payment of annuity fees	Official fee Professional fee

TRADEMARK FILING PROCESS IN BRAZIL

Time line	Stage		Action	Investment
0	0	Search	Search of availability of trademark	Professional fees
0	1	Trademark application	File in the INPI (National Institute of Industrial Property)	Official fee Professional fee
1 month	2	Publication	Thrid parties have 60 days to present oppositions	Report with no costs
2 a 4 years	3	Granting or Rejection or Opposition Publication	Granting of the application	Official fee Professional fee
			Rejection of the application, an appeal against rejection can be presented	Official fee Professional fee
			If an opposition is filed, it will be published and a response to it may be filed in 60 days	Official fee Professional fee
2 months after allowance	4	Granting	Publication of the allowance. The Trademark is valid for 10 years.	Official fee Professional fee

Ps: After granted third parties may file administrative Nullity or Caducity against registered trademark.