

# USPTO Resources

USPTO website: <https://www.uspto.gov/>

## Assistance

Pro Bono Program: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/basics/using-legal-services/pro-bono/patent-pro-bono-program?MURL=probonopatents>

Inventors and small businesses that meet certain financial thresholds and other criteria may be eligible for free legal assistance in preparing and filing a patent application. The Patent Pro Bono Program is a nationwide network of independently operated regional programs that match volunteer patent professionals with financially under-resourced inventors and small businesses for the purpose of securing patent protection. Each regional program provides services for residents of one or more states. Please watch [this short series of videos](#) to learn more.

Pro Bono Program FL: [Patent Pro Bono – Arts & Business Council of Miami \(artsbizmiami.org\)](#)

Pro Se Assistance Program: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/newsletter/inventors-eye/pro-se-assistance-program>

Finding a patent practitioner: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/patent-and-trademark-practitioners/finding-patent-practitioner>

Inventors Assistance Center (IAC): <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/support-centers/inventors-assistance-center-iac>

Trademark Assistance Center: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/support-centers/trademark-assistance-center>

Intellectual property legal assistance programs: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/patent-and-trademark-practitioners/intellectual-property-legal-assistance>

Law School Clinic Program: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/ip-policy/public-information-about-practitioners/law-school-clinic-1>

Patent and Trademark Resource Centers (PTRC): <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/support-centers/patent-and-trademark-resource-centers-ptrc/ptrc-locations>

Florida

- [Fort Lauderdale](#)
- [Miami](#)
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## Filing

Patent Center: <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/news-updates/patent-center-beta-now-available>

Patent Center is a new tool for electronic filing and management of patent applications in a single unified interface. Patent Center allows for submission of the specification, claims, and abstract as a single DOCX document without the need to manually separate sections. Additionally, Patent Center features a training mode to practice filing in DOCX format.

Patent Electronic Business Center: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/support-centers/patent-electronic-business-center>

The Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) assists customers with the various Patent Electronic Systems which include filing their electronic patent application submissions via the [Electronic Filing System \(EFS-Web\)](#) and with the review of patent applications in [Public and Private PAIR](#), as well as supporting customers while [Searching the Patent and Application Full-Text Image Databases](#). The Electronic Business Center proudly serves the IP community with extended daytime and after-hours technical assistance on a wide range of support topics related to these systems.

## General information

Patents: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents>

Trademarks: <https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks>

USPTO Events: <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/events>

## Other

Access our free services: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/access-our-free-services>

Council for Inclusive Innovation (CI<sup>2</sup>): <https://www.uspto.gov/initiatives/equity/ci2>

Learning and Resources: <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-resources>

USPTO Video Library: <https://www.youtube.com/user/USPTOvideo>

Micro Entity Status: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/laws/micro-entity-status-gross-income-limit>

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## Searching

Classification Resources: <https://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/classification/>

Patent search resources: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/search>

Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS):

[https://tmsearch.uspto.gov/bin/gate.exe?f=login&p\\_lang=english&p\\_d=trmk](https://tmsearch.uspto.gov/bin/gate.exe?f=login&p_lang=english&p_d=trmk)

## Types of Applications

Design Patent Application Guide: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/basics/types-patent-applications/design-patent-application-guide>

General Information about Plant Patents: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/basics/types-patent-applications/general-information-about-35-usc-161>

Non-provisional (Utility) Patent Application Filing Guide:

<https://www.uspto.gov/patents/basics/types-patent-applications/nonprovisional-utility-patent>

Provisional Patent Applications: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/basics/types-patent-applications/provisional-application-patent>