

FEE STRUCTURE FOR FILING A NEW APPLICATION Provisional patent application: \$2,500-\$3,500 Full patent application including provisional (if any): \$8,000 - \$18,500+			
STAGE	COST*	TIME LINE	SERVICE
Stage 1	\$500	at month 0	Preliminary consultation
			Review of Invention Cursory search Discussion of filing options and costs
Stage 2	\$2,000- \$3,000	at month 1	Filing of US Provisional
			Filing of US Provisional Application Preliminary suggestions for going forward on the application <i>Non-provisional must be filed no later than 12 months from provisional filing in order to retain priority date</i>
Stage 3	\$1,500 - \$2,000+	at month 2-3	Prior Art Search
			Formal search of prior art (\$ 1000 to \$1,500+) Search Report for client (\$ 500) Recommendations for going forward
Stage 4	\$2,000 - \$8,000+	at month 4-5	Preparation of full specification
			Preparation of full specification begins Further developments of invention incorporated Recommendations for further testing/development OPTIONAL - FILING 2ND PROVISIONAL
Stage 5	\$500 - \$1,000	at month 8	OPTIONAL STAGE
			Follow up on Recommendations/further development Revision of specification
Stage 6	\$2,000 - \$4,000	at month 11-12	Filing of non-provisional
			Final preparation of specification. Filing of non-provisional application
* COST ESTIMATES DO NOT INCLUDE GOVERNMENT FILING FEES			

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Stage	Service Level Corresponding to Ranges in Cost Estimates A: Low, B: Medium, C: High, D: Very High
2	A: All embodiments fully described, with accompanying figures completely labelled.
	B: Require more details of the basic invention; figures not quite complete.
	C: Invention only sketched out, with minimal figures; OR invention is complex and requires extensive write-up to enable an ordinary worker skilled in the art to make the invention.
3	A: relatively simple prior art analysis (due to low number, e.g. 1-4, of prior art hits).
	B: More analysis due to increased volume of prior art hits (e.g. 5-9 prior art hits).
	C: Number of prior art hits is greater than 10; OR scope of prior disclosure is complex relative to the invention, requiring in-depth analysis.
4	A: Stages 2 and 3 completed at service level 'A'. Another 4-9 hours required to complete the application, including communications with the client. Cost range: \$2,000 - \$3,500
	B: Stages 2 and 3 completed at combination of service levels 'A' and 'B', or level 'B'. Another 9-14 hours required to complete the application, including communications with the client. Cost range: \$3,500 - \$5,500.
	C: Stages 2 and 3 completed at service level 'B', or combination of service levels 'B' and 'C'. Another 14-19 hours required to complete the application, including communications with the client. More embodiments and figures need to be added; detailed description needs to be expanded; Cost range: \$5,500 - \$7,500.
	D: Stages 2 and 3 completed at service level 'C'. Another 19-25 hours required to complete the application, including communications with the client. More embodiments and figures need to be added; detailed description needs to be expanded; claims drafted to circumvent complex prior art. Cost range: \$7,500 - \$9,500
	Optional filing of 2 nd and additional provisionals: see Stage 2 service levels for cost range.
6	A: Minimal revision of draft prepared at Stages 4/5. Client provides fully prepared figures. Discussion with client on where to file, and associated costs. Cost range: \$2,000 - \$2,500.
	B: Some revision of draft prepared at Stages 4/5. Figures still need to be finalized, for preparation by the client. Discussion with client on where to file, and associated costs. Cost range: \$2,500 - \$3,200.
	C: Further revision of draft prepared at Stages 4/5. Figures still need to be finalized, and prepared by our Firm. Discussion with client on where to file, and associated costs. Cost range: \$3,200 - \$4,000.
	D: Final application based on more than one provisional; figures to be finalized; claim set needs to be drafted based on the multiple provisional filings. Discussion with client on where to file, and associated costs. Cost range: \$4,000 - \$5,500.

AMENDING TIMELINES. Timelines can be customized to your needs:

Example 1: The filing service of Stage 2 is only used. Client has prepared his/her own application, and would like to have an agent/attorney file the US application 'as is.'

Example 2: Stage 3 is omitted. Client does not wish to conduct a comprehensive search, and wants to move directly to a non-provisional filing.

Example 3: Client wants to file a non-provisional soon after filing the provisional. In this case, Stage 3 is accelerated and Stages 4-6 are combined into one stage. The final application can be filed within 3-4 months of filing the provisional application.