

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) speeds up the examination process for corresponding applications filed in participating intellectual property offices on the basis of bilateral office agreements.

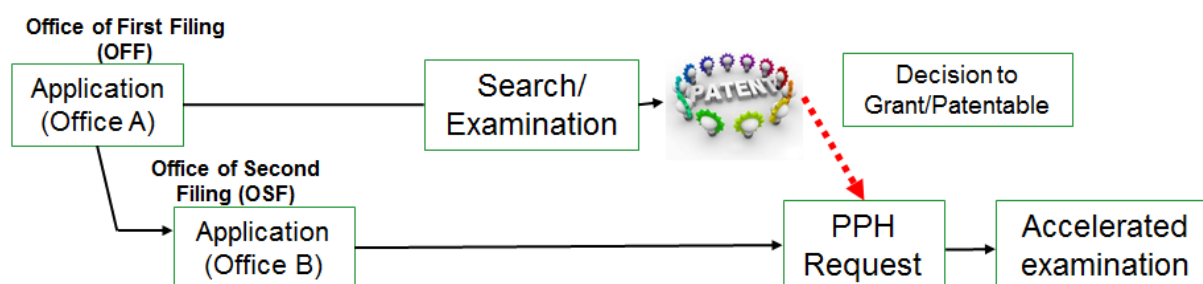
The PPH, through the exploitation of all the search/examination-related information of the OFF, aims to;

- i. support applicants in their efforts to obtain stable patent rights and
- ii. reduce the search/examination burden and improves the quality of the examination

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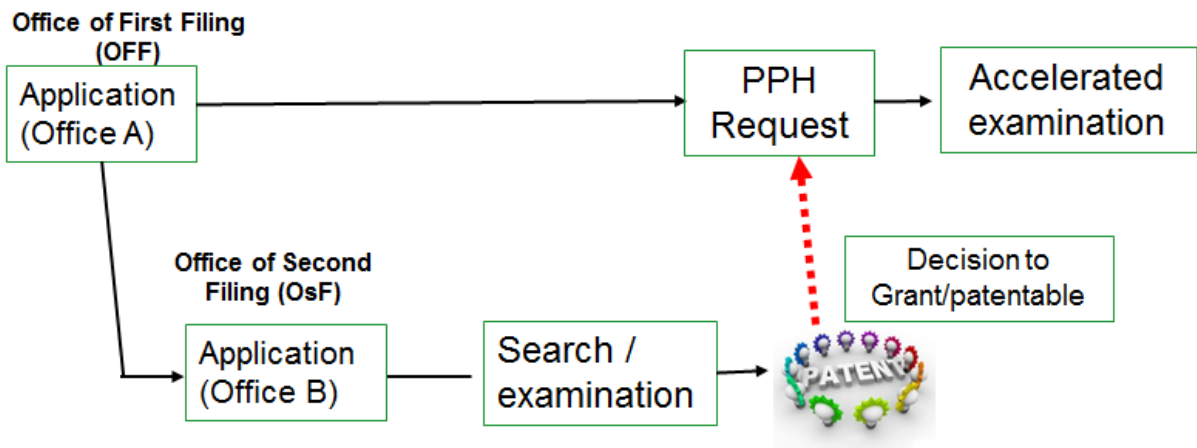
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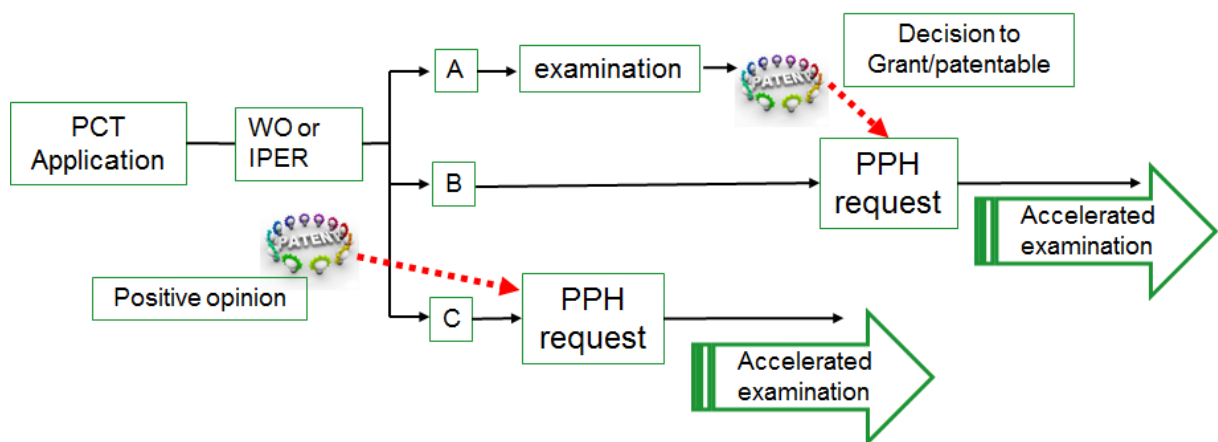
Under the current PPH scheme, the OFF has to provide its examination results before any of the other offices accept PPH requests. This requirement puts a restriction on making PPH requests and prevents subsequent offices from fully utilizing the results of examinations conducted in the other offices, due to the fact that the OFF does not always conduct the examinations before the OSFs do theirs. In Japanese the situation can be described as "MOTTAINAI" or a "waste".

Therefore, the eight offices agreed to launch a revised PPH, called the **PPH MOTTAINAI Pilot**, which enables applicants to request for patent examinations under the PPH program, even under the following situations. Under the PPH MOTTAINAI Pilot, an applicant can make PPH requests at the Office of Later Examination (OLE) by using the examination results of the Office of Earlier Examination (OEE), provided that the OEE and OLE have a PPH MOTTAINAI agreement.



PPH - PCT

If there is an international application which is indicated as patentable in the international phase, the national phase application of the corresponding international application (second application) might request an accelerated examination in the national phase upon an applicant’s PPH request.



Requirements for PPH Request:

An application is eligible to request accelerated examination at the Office of Second Filing if the followings are fulfilled:

- The claims of the application must be evaluated by the OFF,
- OFF application has at least one claim that was determined by the OFF to be allowable.
- All the claims in OSF application sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claims in OFF applications.
- The examination has not begun in the OSF.
- The applicant should made PPH request.

In those instances where the request does not meet all the requirements set forth above, the PPH request for accelerated examination is not accepted.

Required Documents for PPH Request

The following documents are required to submit along with a PPH request:

- A copy of the OFF office actions and its translation
- Copies of all cited documents
- A copy of all claims and its translations
- Claims Correspondence Table
- PPH petition fee if it is requested by the OSF.



Decision on PPH Request:

OSF decides on the whether the application can be entitled to the status for an accelerated examination under the PPH. If the request for PPH is approved, the application goes accelerated examination at OSF and OSF make first examination notification to the applicant in a shorter time period.

For more information about PPH visit the [Official PPH Homepage](#).

TURKPATENT's Bilateral Agreements:

TURKPATENT has bilateral PPH pilot program with the countries below. Guidelines for PPH request procedures and PPH request forms are available in the table below:

	Guidelines for PPH request procedures and PPH request forms <i>TO TURKPATENT</i>	Guidelines for PPH request procedures and PPH request forms <i>TO THE OTHER OFFICES</i>	Effective date of PPH since
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO) 	SPTO to TURKPATENT PPH GUIDELINE	TURKPATENT to SPTO PPH GUIDELINE	15.01.2017
	SPTO to TURKPATENT PPH REQUEST FORM	TURKPATENT to SPTO PPH REQUEST FORM	
Japan Patent Office (JPO) 	JPO to TURKPATENT PPH GUIDELINE	TURKPATENT to JPO PPH GUIDELINE	01.04.2018
	JPO to TURKPATENT PPH REQUEST FORM	TURKPATENT to JPO PPH REQUEST FORM	