

Tips on how to access EFS-Web on the new website.

- On the USPTO home page, from the Patents column, select the third option, “File Online.”

Patents

- 1 **Search**
Search the Patent Full-Text and Image Database (PatFT)
- 2 **View Fee Schedule**
Check on the current fees and information related to the patent process
- 3 **File Online**
Apply for a patent application using the Electronic Filing System (EFS-Web)
- 4 **Check Status**
Check the status via the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system

- This will bring you to the “About EFS-Web” page. Selecting the hyperlink to either EFS-Web Registered or Unregistered eFiler will launch the respective system.

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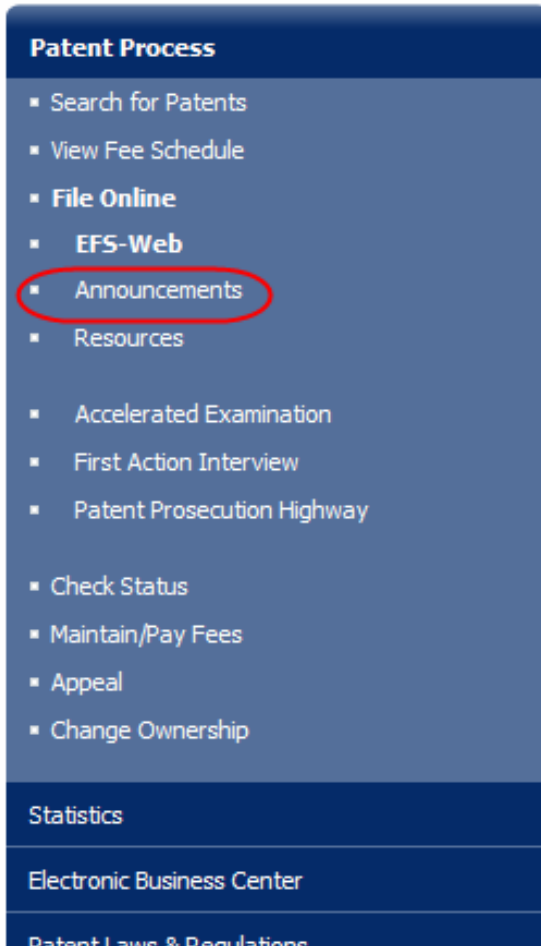
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Tips on how to access EFS-Web Announcements on the new website.

- From the “About EFS-Web” page, select EFS-Web Announcements. Announcements can also be selected from the left menu.

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Below the "Patent Process" menu are three additional sections:

- Statistics
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- There are 5 sections in the EFS-Web Guidance and Resources page: **Getting Started, Learn More about EFS-Web, Legal Guidance, FAQs, and Customer Support.**

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