Quick Start Guide

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Introduction

The United States Patent and Trademark Office offer twelve (12) ePetitions that can be filed through Patent Center. The following Web-based ePetitions are available to users:

- Petition to make special based on age
- Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent of Record (37 CFR 1.36)
- Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2))
- Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3))
- Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2) with Assigned Patent Number)
- Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) with Assigned Patent Number)
- Petition to Accept Late Payment of Issue Fee - Unintentional Late Payment (37 CFR 1.137(a))
- Petition for Revival of an Application based on Failure to Notify the Office of a Foreign or International Filing (37 CFR 1.137(f))
- Petition for Revival of an Application for Continuity Purposes Only (37 CFR 1.137(a))
- Petition for Revival of an Abandoned Patent Application Abandoned Unintentionally (37 CFR 1.137(a)) (For Cases Abandoned After 1st Action and Prior to Notice of Allowance)
- Petition to Correct Assignee After Payment of Issue Fee (37 CFR 3.81(b))
- Petition to Accept Unintentional Delayed Payment of the Maintenance Fee (37 CFR 1.378(b))

The Web-based ePetitions can be filled out completely online through Web-based screens. The ePetitions are auto-processed and granted immediately upon submission if the petition meets all of the requirements.
By using ePetition, petitioners will have more control over when their petitions are filed and answered. This is especially advantageous for critical petitions, such as petitions to withdraw from issue. Deciding petitions electronically decreases the need for renewed petitions, since petitioners know instantly whether all requirements have been met and there are no Patent Center fillable forms required. To process any of the auto-granted ePetitions, fees must be paid immediately which then provide users more financial flexibility. A paper filed petition includes a fee but does not guarantee a granted petition.

This Quick Start Guide will provide you with the information you need in order to understand how to file the eight Web-based ePetitions electronically, including a brief overview of the process and screen shots that identify critical aspects of the product.

Basic Guidelines for Filing ePetitions:

- Must be a registered Practitioner or Independent Inventor.
- Registered eFilers are strongly advised to transmit their electronic filings sufficiently early in the day to allow time for alternative paper filing when transmission cannot be initiated or correctly completed.

Warning: For your protection, your Patent Center session will time-out after thirty minutes of inactivity. An ePetition request that has not been submitted after thirty minutes of inactivity will be lost unless it is saved. You will need to login to Patent Center again and re-enter the ePetition from the start.
Initiate an ePetition

To start an ePetition, you must select the menu bar or activity card for petitions. The menu bar will expand to display the twelve ePetitions and the activity card will take you to a page listing the ePetitions.
Note: The Petitions are grouped together by categories.
Micro Entity Fees
Some petitions require authorization of micro entity status that also require Practitioner signature.

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**MICRO-INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION BASIS**

The certification below on the basis of employment by an institution of higher education is made by checking this box and signing below.

CERTIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
The applicant hereby certifies the following:
The applicant qualifies as a small entity as defined in 37 CFR 1.27. The applicant’s employer, from which the applicant obtains the majority of the applicant’s income, is an institution of higher education as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

The certification below on the basis of assignment or obligation to assign an institution of higher education is made by checking this box and signing below.

CERTIFICATION ON THE BASIS OF ASSIGNMENT OR OBLIGATION TO ASSIGN TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
The applicant hereby certifies the following:
The applicant qualifies as a small entity as defined in 37 CFR 1.27. The applicant has assigned, granted, conveyed, or is under an obligation by contract or law, to assign, grant, or convey, a license or other ownership interest in the particular application to an institution of higher education as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

**Signature for Micro entity form**

Signature by an authorized party set forth in 37 CFR 1.33(b)

Signature | First name | Last name | Registration number (optional)
Applicant claims the following entity status

Micro-Gross income basis

CERTIFICATION OF MICRO ENTITY STATUS (GROSS INCOME BASIS)
The applicant hereby certifies the following:

1. SMALL ENTITY REQUIREMENT - The applicant qualifies as a small entity as defined in 37 CFR 1.27.

2. APPLICATION FILING LIMIT - Neither the applicant nor the inventor nor a joint inventor has been named as the inventor or a joint inventor on more than four previously filed U.S. patent applications, excluding provisional applications and international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for which the basic national fee under 37 CFR 1.492(a) was not paid, and also excluding patent applications for which the applicant has assigned all ownership rights, or is obligated to assign all ownership rights, as a result of the applicant's previous employment.

3. GROSS INCOME LIMIT ON APPLICANTS AND INVENTORS - Neither the applicant nor the inventor nor a joint inventor, in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the applicable fee is being paid, had a gross income, as defined in section 61(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 61(a)), exceeding the Maximum Qualifying Gross Income reported on the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/micro_entity.jsp which is equal to three times the median household income for that preceding calendar year, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census.

4. GROSS INCOME LIMIT ON PARTIES WITH AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST - Neither the applicant nor the inventor nor a joint inventor has assigned, granted, or conveyed, nor is under an obligation by contract or law to assign, grant, or convey, a license or other ownership interest in the application concerned to an entity that, in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the applicable fee is being paid, had a gross income, as defined in section 61(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, exceeding the Maximum Qualifying Gross Income reported on the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/micro_entity.jsp which is equal to three times the median household income for that preceding calendar year, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census.

Signature by an authorized party set forth in 37 CFR 1.33(b)

Signatures
First name
Last name
Registration number (optional)
1. ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to make special based on age (37 CFR 1.102)
   • An application may be made special upon filing a petition including any evidence showing that the inventor or joint inventor is 65 years of age, or more, such as a statement by the inventor or joint inventor or a statement from a registered practitioner that they have evidence that the inventor or joint inventor is 65 years of age or older.
   • No fee is required with such a petition.

To begin the following petition, select this type from the Petitions – Pending grouping, enter the application number, confirmation number, and then certify the user identity. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.
Select the name of the inventor who is 65 years of age or older and provide signature.
Review the application information and click submit to complete the ePetition submission.

2. **ePetition Filing Requirements: Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent of Record (37 CFR 1.36)**

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number entered may not be for an issued patent.
• The US application may not be in an abandoned status.

• The user must have power of attorney over the entered application number.

• If power of attorney is assigned to a customer number, then the user will be required to change the correspondence address.

• If power of attorney is assigned to individual attorney registration numbers, then the user will not be required to change the correspondence address unless all attorneys of record are being withdrawn.

To start this ePetition, you will need to enter the application number and confirmation number. Click the Continue button at the bottom of the screen to proceed.
If there is a validation error, an error message will be displayed at the top of the screen or near the data field containing the error.

On the ePetition application data screen, if power of attorney is assigned to a customer number then you must select the check box for “Practitioners”

When power of attorney is assigned to a customer number you must direct all future correspondence to a specific customer number or you will need to provide the correspondence address of the first named inventor or assignee that has properly made itself of record pursuant to 37 CFR 3.71. If directing all future correspondence to a new customer number, such cannot be the customer number of a law firm but rather must be the customer number of the applicant or assignee of record.
When providing the postal address, the postal code is optional for a U.S. address (format: 12345 or 12345-1234).

You will need to select one or more reason(s) for the withdrawal and all three checkboxes next to the statements displayed to confirm that they are factually correct.
At the end of the screen you will need to complete user information and provide an S-signature.

Patent Center will display a screen with the selections you made. This gives you an opportunity to confirm your choices to make sure you have selected the necessary options. The petition-request.pdf document is generated by Patent Center to show the information that you have entered. This document will be loaded into the electronic application file (i.e., IFW), if your ePetition is granted. Once you have confirmed your selections, click the Submit button to file your ePetition.
3. **ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2))**

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number entered may not be for an issued patent.
- The US application may not be in an abandoned status.
- The Issue fee must have been paid.
PETITIONS - ALLOWED

Petition to withdraw from issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2))
Submit a petition requesting to withdraw from issue after payment of the issue fee
Learn more

Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2) with Assigned Patent Number)
Submit a petition requesting to withdraw from issue after payment of the issue fee
Learn more

Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3))
Submit a petition requesting express abandonment after payment of the issue fee
Learn more

Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) with Assigned Patent Number)
Submit a petition requesting express abandonment after payment of the issue fee
Learn more

Petition to Accept Late Payment of Issue Fee - Unintentional Late Payment (37 CFR 1.137(a))
To begin the petition, enter the application number, confirmation number and certify your identity. Then select the reason for withdrawal from issue. If the power of attorney radio button is selected, the system will validate that the registration number.

After proceeding to the ePetition Request screen, the reason for withdrawal and other information provided on the Certification screen will be displayed for review purposes, but cannot be changed. If you need to change the application number, reason for withdrawal, or petition filer type, please click on the Cancel button to restart the petition.

You must indicate if the required documents and/or fees have been previously filed or will accompany the ePetition. For consideration of RCE, the option to indicate that you previously filed the RCE request, submission, and fee will only be displayed if the system can locate the RCE fee payment. You must select the date from the dropdown list that corresponds to the date of your RCE submission.
Reasons to withdrawal

- Unpatentability of one or more claims, which must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable.
• Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114 (for a utility or plant application only).
You must indicate the current entity status. At the bottom of the screen, you will need to complete user information and provide an S-signature.

On the Upload documents screen, the required documents that need to be attached will be displayed with the document description that needs to be chosen. *Only permissible Document Description(s) may be selected when attaching additional documents*

Unpatentability of one or more claims upload documents page:
Consideration of a request for continued examination upload documents page:

In order to continue, you must successfully upload the necessary PDF document(s) without validation errors.
Unpatentability of one or more claims Review & submit page:
Consideration of a request for continued examination upload documents page:

Review & submit
Review all the information entered for your petition. If there are any errors in the data displayed, go back and edit the information before submitting to the USPTO.

Application Data
Reason for withdrawal
Consideration of a request for continued examination - RCE request, submission and fee are attached

Applicant claims the following entity status
Regular undiscounted

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Certification
I certify, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4(d)(4) that I am:
An attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, acting in a representative capacity

Signature
First name
Last name
Registration number
Practitioner

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On the Review & submit page, you will see your reason for withdrawal, files to be submitted as well as calculated fees. The calculated fees are based on the previously selected fee entity status. To submit your ePetition for auto-processing, click the File ePetition & Pay button. The FPNG payment screen will display to complete payment. After payment completion, you will be directed back to Patent Center where you will able to save or print your receipt, payment receipt and grant letter.

*Payment must be successfully processed in order for you to receive the Petition Grant.*

4. **ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3))**

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number entered may not be for an issued patent.
- The US application may not be in an abandoned status.
- The Issue fee must have been paid.
- If the filer is a registered practitioner given Power of Attorney, the Power of Attorney will be verified by the system.

*Warning: Your application will be expressly abandoned if this ePetition is granted.*
After proceeding to the ePetition Request screen, the reason for withdrawal selected on the Certification screen will be displayed for review purposes, but cannot be changed. If you need to change the application number, reason for withdrawal, or petition filer type, please click on the Cancel button to restart the petition.

To begin this petition, enter the application number, confirmation number, and reason for withdrawal.

Select the appropriate certification statement to indicate your identity. Then select the appropriate certification statement. Registered Attorneys acting in a representative capacity may not file this petition.

No documents need to be attached for this ePetition. The Calculate Fees screen displays the required petition fee due. Click Continue to proceed.
The appropriate radio button for fee entity status needs to be selected. At the bottom of the screen, you will need to complete user information and provide an S-signature.
On the Review & submit page, you will see your reason for withdrawal and calculated fees. The calculated fees are based on the previously selected fee entity status. To submit your ePetition for auto-processing, click the File ePetition & Pay button. The FPNG payment screen will display to complete payment. After payment completion, you will be directed back to Patent Center where you will able to save or print your receipt, payment receipt and grant letter.
5. ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) or (2) with Assigned Patent Number)

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number entered may not be for an issued patent.
- The US application must have a patent number assigned.
- The US application may not be in an abandoned status.
- The Issue fee must have been paid.
- The patent issue date of the application needs to be later than the current date.

To begin the petition, enter the application number, confirmation number and certify your identity. Then select the reason for withdrawal from issue. If the power of attorney radio button is selected, the system will validate that the registration number entered has power of attorney.
You must indicate if required documents and/or fees have been previously filed or will accompany the ePetition. For consideration of RCE, the option to indicate that you previously filed the RCE request, submission, and fee will only be displayed if the system can locate the RCE fee payment. You must select the date from the dropdown list that corresponds to the date of your RCE submission.

You must indicate the current entity status. If selecting micro entity as the current entity status, you must certify if the application falls under the option for either Gross Income Basis or Institution of Higher Education Basis.
Reasons to withdrawal

- Unpatentability of one or more claims, which must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable.
Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114 (for a utility or plant application only).

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Unpatentability of one or more claims Review & submit page:

**Reason for withdrawal:**
One or more claims are unpatentable - Amendment and explanation are attached

**Applicant claims the following entity status:**
Small

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- **Claims**
- **Applicant Arguments/Remarks Made in an Amendment**
- **Amendment after Notice of Allowance (Rule 312)**

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**Certification**

I certify, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4(d)(4) that I am:

An attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, acting in a representative capacity.

Signature: ☐
First name: ☐
Last name: ☐
Registration number: ☐
Practitioner: ☐
Consideration of a request for continued examination Review & submit page:

Review & submit
Review all the information entered for your petition. If there are any errors in the data displayed, go back and edit the information before submitting to the USPTO.

Application Data

Reason for withdrawal
Consideration of a request for continued examination - RCE request, submission and fee are attached
Applicant claims the following entry status
Regular undiscouneded

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Amendment Submitted/Entered with Filing of Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)/Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

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First name
Last name
Registration number
Practitioner
On the Review & submit page, you will see your reason for withdrawal, files to be submitted as well as calculated fees. The calculated fees are based on the previously selected fee entity status. To submit your ePetition for auto-processing, click the File ePetition & Pay button. The FPNG payment screen will display to complete payment. After payment completion, you will be directed back to Patent Center where you will able to save or print your receipt, payment receipt and grant letter.

*Payment must be successfully processed in order for you to receive the Petition Grant. *

Warning: Patents are issued each Tuesday at Midnight (12:00 AM Eastern Time). You must file and complete payment for your ePetition and it must be granted by USPTO before the Issue Date. Please file your petition as soon as possible so as to avoid any computer system problems which may cause the patent to issue despite the petition to withdraw it from issue.

6. **ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to Withdraw from Issue after Payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) with Assigned Patent Number)**

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number entered may not be for an issued patent.
- The US application must have a patent number assigned.
- The US application may not be in an abandoned status.
- The Issue fee must have been paid.
- The patent issue date of the application needs to be later than the current date.
**Warning:** Your application will be expressly abandoned if this ePetition is granted.

The appropriate radio button for fee entity status needs to be selected. If selecting micro entity as the current entity status, you must certify if the application falls under the option for either Gross Income Basis or Institution of Higher Education Basis.
To begin the following petition, enter in the application number, confirmation number and reason for withdrawal from issue. Then select the appropriate certification statement. Registered Attorneys acting in a representative capacity may not file this petition.
At the end of the screen, you will need to complete user information and provide an S-signature.

No documents need to be attached for this ePetition. The Calculate Fees screen displays the required petition fee due. Click Continue to proceed.
On the Review & submit page, you will see your reason for withdrawal and calculated fees. The calculated fees are based on the previously selected fee entity status. To submit your ePetition for auto-processing, click the Submit & Pay button. The FPNG payment screen will display to complete payment. After payment completion, you will be directed back to Patent Center where you will be able to save or print your receipt, payment receipt and grant letter.

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7. ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to Accept Late Payment of Issue Fee - Unintentional Late Payment (37 CFR 1.137(a))

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number entered may not be for an issued patent.
- The application must be in an abandoned status.
- The Issue fee must be paid.
- The application has to have been allowed.

To begin the following petition, enter in the application number, confirmation number, and then certify the user identity. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.

The user must indicate the fee entity status and make sure the issue fee transmittal form is attached. If selecting micro entity as the current entity status, you must certify if the application falls under the option for either Gross Income Basis or Institution of Higher Education Basis.
The appropriate statement must be selected for any Drawing corrections and/or other deficiencies. The statement box detailing that the entire delay from the date of abandonment to the date of filing the petition was unintentional must be selected.
The user must also provide an S-signature to continue.
You are required to upload the Issue Fee Payment (PTO-85B) document. If you have to provide drawings or other documents, attach the documents and select the appropriate document description from the dropdown list (e.g., “Drawings”).

In order to continue you must successfully upload any necessary PDF document(s) without validation errors. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.

On the Review & Submit screen, the information provided, files to be submitted and fees to be paid are displayed. To submit your ePetition submission, click the Submit & Pay button. The user will be taken to FPNG, since payment is required for this ePetition. Your fee payment must be successfully processed in order for you to receive the Petition Grant.
8. **ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition for Revival of an Application based on Failure to Notify the Office of a Foreign or International Filing (37 CFR 1.137(f))**

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application cannot be in an abandoned status.
- The petition must have a filing date more than 45 days past the foreign application filing date.
A non-publication request must have been previously filed.

This ePetition requires the application number, the confirmation number, and the foreign filing date. You must certify your identity. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.

The ePetition Data screen displays the ePetition request. You must indicate the current entity status, confirm that the non-publication request was filed, and certify that the entire delay period from the date of foreign filing until the date of submitting the petition was unintentional.
In the last section of the screen you must provide your name and S-signature. Remember, required entry fields must be complete in order to continue with the submission. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue at the bottom of the page.
You are required to attach the *Rescind Nonpublication Request for Pre Grant Pub* document with this ePetition. Select the document description labeled “Rescind Nonpublication Request for Pre Grant Pub.” Click “Upload & Validate” to include the document with your ePetition submission.

In order to continue you must successfully upload the PDF document without validation errors.
The Review & Submit Screen displays the required fees, with the petition information provided as well as files to be submitted are displayed. To submit your ePetition submission, click the File ePetition & Pay button. The FPNG payment screen will display, since payment is required for this ePetition. Your fee payment must be successfully processed in order for you to receive the Petition Grant.
9. **ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition for Revival of an Application for Continuity Purposes Only (37 CFR 1.137(a))** -

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number cannot be a provisional application.
- The US application number entered may not be an issued patent.
- The Parent application must be in an abandoned status.
- The Child application has to have been previously filed.

To start this ePetition, you must enter the application number, confirmation number, continuing application number, and optionally the continuing application filing date.

![Web-based ePetition](image)

On the ePetition Data screen, the continuing application number and continuing filing date provided on the Certification screen will be displayed for review purposes.

A fee entity status and an appropriate terminal disclaimer statement must be selected, as well as the statement concerning the period of unintentional delay must be checked in order to continue.
On the last section of the screen, you must provide your name and S-signature. It is required that each entry field be completed to continue with the submission. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.
(2) Reply
A reply in the form of a continuing application with serial number __________ has been previously filed on
Continuing Filing Date  MM/DD/YYYY

(3) Terminal disclaimer and fee
☐ Terminal disclaimer and Fee are attached
☐ Terminal disclaimer and Fee are not required

(4) Statement
☐ The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unintentional.

Petitioner is reminded that a delay resulting from a deliberately chosen course of action on the part of the applicant does not become an "unintentional" delay within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.137 because:

• the applicant does not consider the claims to be patentable over the references relied upon in an outstanding Office action;
• the applicant does not consider the allowed or patentable claims to be of sufficient breadth or scope to justify the financial expense of obtaining a patent;
• the applicant does not consider any patent to be of sufficient value to justify the financial expense of obtaining the patent; or
• the applicant remains interested in eventually obtaining a patent, but simply seeks to defer patent fees and patent prosecution expenses.

Petitioner is further reminded that an intentional delay resulting from a deliberate course of action chosen by the applicant is not affected by:

• the correctness of the applicant's (or applicant's representative's) decision to abandon the application or not to seek or persist in seeking revival of the application;
• the correctness or propriety of a rejection, or other objection, requirement, or decision by the Office; or
• the discovery of new information or evidence, or other change in circumstances subsequent to the abandonment or decision not to seek or persist in seeking revival.

NOTE: Where the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is filed more than two years after the date the application became abandoned, the United States Patent and Trademark Office requires an additional explanation of the circumstances surrounding the delay that establishes the entire delay was unintentional. This requirement is in addition to the requirement to provide a statement that the entire delay was unintentional. See Clarification of the Practice for Requiring Additional Information in Petitions Filed in Patent Applications and Patents Based on Unintentional Delay, 85 FR 12222 (March 2, 2020). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C)-(F) for additional guidance on the information required to establish that the entire delay was unintentional.

Certification
I certify, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4(d)(4) that I am:

An attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office who has been given power of attorney in this application

Signature First name Last name Registration number

"John Marina, VI"
If “Terminal Disclaimer and Fee included” option is selected, you must successfully upload the required documents without validation errors. *Note not all requests require a Terminal Disclaimer be included. If not required, select the option for “Terminal Disclaimer and Fee not required”

On the Review & Submit screen, the information provided as well as files to be submitted is displayed. To submit your ePetition submission, click the File ePetition & Pay button. The payment screen will display, since payment is required for this ePetition. Your fee payment must be successfully processed in order for you to receive the Petition Grant.
Abandoned Unintentionally (37 CFR 1.137(a)) (For Cases Abandoned After 1st Action and
Prior to Notice of Allowance)

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number cannot be a provisional, design, reexam, or plant
- The US application number entered may not be an issued patent.
- A Notice of Abandonment must have been mailed by the Office.
- The abandonment date must be less than 2 years
- After Final Rejection Amendments may not be filed
- The ePetition may not be filed if the application is after Notice of Allowance

To begin the following petition, select this type from the Petitions – Pending grouping, enter the application number, confirmation number, and then certify the user identity. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.

After proceeding to the ePetition Request screen, the revival type and the information provided on the Certification screen will be displayed for review purposes, but cannot be changed. If you need to change the application number, petition type, or petition filer type, please click on the Cancel button to restart the petition.
The user must indicate the fee entity status and make sure the appropriate statement must be selected for the Reply. If selecting micro entity as the current entity status, you must certify if the application falls under the option for either Gross Income Basis or Institution of Higher Education Basis.

The statement box detailing that the entire delay from the date of abandonment to the date of filing the petition was unintentional must be selected. The user must also provide an S-signature to continue.

Note: Patent Center will automatically display whether a non-final rejection or final rejection has been issued.

Application Data screen based on a Reply to a Final Rejection:
(2) Final Rejection Reply
A final rejection has been issued in this application. The following reply is permitted in the electronic format.

☐ Request for Continued Examination

☐ Notice of Appeal

(3) Terminal disclaimer is not required since the electronic petition format does not support design applications and applications filed before June 8, 1995. Please file using an alternative petition format for review by Office of Petitions

(4) Statement

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• the discovery of new information or evidence, or other change in circumstances subsequent to the abandonment or decision not to seek or persist in seeking revival.

NOTE: Where the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) is filed more than two years after the date the application became abandoned, the United States Patent and Trademark Office requires an additional explanation of the circumstances surrounding the delay that establishes the entire delay was unintentional. This requirement is in addition to the requirement to provide a statement that the entire delay was unintentional. See Clarification of the Practice for Requiring Additional Information in Petitions Filed in Patent Applications and Patents Based on Unintentional Delay, 85 FR 12222 (March 2, 2020). See MPEP 711.03(c)(ii)(C)-(F) for additional guidance on the information required to establish that the entire delay was unintentional.

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On the Attached Documents screen, the required documents that need to be attached will be displayed with the document description that needs to be chosen. - Example of a Notice of Appeal reply: -

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On the Review & Submit screen, the information provided as well as files to be submitted are displayed. This is a read only page. To make any changes you must go back to the Application Data screen by selecting the appropriate option at the top of the screen. To submit your ePetition submission, click the Submit & Pay button. The payment screen will display, since payment is required for this ePetition. Your fee payment must be successfully processed in order for you to receive the Petition Grant.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding filing in Patent center, please contact the Patent EBC Monday - Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 12 Midnight Eastern Time, by email ebc@uspto.gov or Patent Center ePetition Quick Start
telephone 866-217-9197.

11. ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to Correct Assignee After Payment of Issue Fee (37 CFR 3.81(b))

- The user must enter a valid US application number.
- The US application number cannot be a provisional or plant
- The US application must be in an allowed status
- The Issue fee must have been paid

To begin the following petition, enter in the application number, confirmation number, and then certify the user identity. If the power of attorney radio button is selected, the system will validate that the registration number of the attorney. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.

Note: Information entered on the Certification screen cannot be edited on subsequent screens. Please review the application number, confirmation number, and attorney selection carefully before continuing. If you need to make a change to the data entered on the Certification screen after you have proceeded to later screens, please click the Cancel button at the bottom of page to restart the request.

In the Correction of Assignee section, enter both the assignment information currently listed
and the correct assignment information into their respective boxes. You may enter up to 240 characters in each text box.

The certification statement box detailing that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11 before issuance of the patent and the statement that the Request for Certificate of Correction is being filed with the submission must be both selected in order to proceed.

The user must also provide the entity status, S-signature, and name to continue. Select Continue to proceed. This will generate the ePetition form and Request for Certificate of Correction.
The Review and submit page displays, the information provided, files to be submitted is displayed. To submit your ePetition submission, click the File ePetition & Pay button. The FPNG payment screen will display, since payment is required for this ePetition. Your fee payment must be successfully processed in order for you to receive the Petition.
If you have any questions or concerns regarding filing in Patent Center, please contact the Patent EBC Monday - Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 12 Midnight Eastern Time, by email ebc@uspto.gov or telephone 866-217-9197.

12. ePetition Filing Requirements: Petition to Accept Unintentional Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee (37 CFR 1.378(b))

- The user must enter a valid US application and patent number.
- The US patent must be in an expired status.
- The US patent must be expired for less than two years; otherwise the Petitioner must file the petition by mail.

To begin the following petition, select this type from the Petitions for Revival grouping, enter the application number, patent number, and then certify the user identity. To proceed to the next screen, click Continue.

The user must indicate the maintenance fee window and the current entity status. If selecting micro entity as the current entity status, you must certify if the application falls under the option for either Gross Income Basis or Institution of Higher Education Basis. The statement
box detailing that the entire delay from the date of abandonment to the date of filing the petition was unintentional must be selected. The user must also provide an S-signature to continue.

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Review & submit

Review all the information entered for your petition. If there are any errors in the data displayed, go back and edit the information before submitting to the USPTO.

Maintenance fee
3.5 year

Applicant claims the following entity status
Small

Statement
The delay in payment of the maintenance fee for this patent was unintentional.

- Petitioner(s) is reminded that a delay resulting from a deliberately chosen course of action or a change in circumstance is not an unintentional delay.

- Petitioner(s) is further reminded that a person seeking reinstatement of an expired patent should not make a statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional unless the entire delay was unintentional, including the period from discovery that the maintenance fee was not timely paid until payment of the maintenance fee. For example, a statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional would not be proper when the patentee becomes aware of an unintentional failure to timely pay the maintenance fee and then intentionally delays filing a petition for reinstatement of the patent under 37 CFR 1.378. See MPEP 2590.

NOTE: Where the petition under 37 CFR 1.378 is filed more than two years after the date the patent expired for nonpayment of the maintenance fee, the United States Patent and Trademark Office requires an additional explanation of the circumstances surrounding the delay that establishes the entire delay was unintentional. This requirement is in addition to the requirement to provide a statement that the entire delay was unintentional. See Clarification of the Practice for Requiring Additional Information in Petitions Filed in Patent Applications and Patents Based on Unintentional Delay, 85 FR 12222 (March 2, 2020). See MPEP 711.03(c)(ii)(C)-(F) for additional guidance on the information required to establish that the entire delay was unintentional.

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Signature First name Last name Registration number

/ / Attorney

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