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Humanitarian Certificate Redemption Quick Start Guide



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1. Introduction

This guide is for the Humanitarian Certificate Redemption via EFS-Web. *Winners of the Patent for Humanity award will receive a certificate that can be redeemed to accelerate processing of all or part of their USPTO patent application.* For general information on submitting applications electronically via EFS-Web please review the EFS-Web Quick Start Guide located at <http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/EFSS-WebQuickStartGuide.pdf>

The resource page for redeeming Patents for Humanity certificates can be found at: http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/patents_for_humanity/redeem.jsp

A more comprehensive guide on how to use EFS-Web can be found at the EFS-Web Guidance and Resources page located at: <http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/index.jsp>

2. Basic Guidelines for Filing a Humanitarian Certificate Redemption

- You must be able to access EFS-Web.
- You can be either a Registered or Unregistered eFiler.
- Only Registered eFilers may follow-on papers to an existing application and save a submission as a work-in-progress for up to 7 days.
- Although there is no fee for the Humanitarian Certificate Redemption, all other application fees still apply. Consult the current fee schedule available at <http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp> for the correct fee amounts.
- You should use form PTO/XX/XX for filing the Certificate Redemption

3. Filing the Humanitarian Certificate Redemption with a New Application

The following Doc Code should ONLY be used for filing the Humanitarian Certificate Redemption with a New or Follow-on Application.

EFS-Web Category	EFS-Web Document Description	USPTO Business Process Description	Doc Code	Form Type Number
General Transmittal or Petition	Request Accel Cert of Humanitarian Program	When an owner of an Acceleration Certificate under the Humanitarian Awards Pilot Program desires to redeem the Acceleration Certificate and accelerate Office processing for a pending application or reexamination proceeding, the owner completes and files the CERT.AC.HM.R form. The Office form is recommended, but the owner's own form may be used at Owner's risk. The form must identify the unique Certificate Number being redeemed and the application or reexamination proceeding number for which acceleration is being sought. Upon receipt and review of the Redemption Request the Office will determine whether to grant or dismiss acceleration. If previous Redemption Request has been dismissed, then a new Redemption Request may be filed.	CERT.AC.HM.R.	PTO/SB/430

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To ensure that your application is complete and loaded correctly, you can review your filed application in Private PAIR as a Registered eFiler. Submissions are available in Private PAIR approximately 15 minutes after they are submitted in EFS-Web.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding filing in EFS-Web, 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.