

# PATENT PROCESS IN INDIA FLOW CHART

Months

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Filing of Patent in India

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Provision Application filed. Complete specification must be filed within 12 month.

Application shall be abandoned if complete specification is not filed within 12 months.

Application with complete specification

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Publication after 18 Months

Open for pre-grant Opposition

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Hearing on pre-grant Opposition, which may be allowed or rejected

Request for Examination must be filed within 48 MONTHS from the date of priority

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First Examination Report (FER) Issued 6 months from Request for Examination

Filing of response to FER and/or filing of amended claims . All objections must be complied within 12 months from FER

Re-Examination and issuance of further Examination Report

Non-Compliance to Re-examination Report within 12 months shall lead to abandonment

Amended Claims found to be in compliance with the Examination Report

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Grant of Patent

Post Grant Publication

Post Grant Opposition Hearing. Opposition may be accepted in which case the Patent may be rejected

**GRANT OF PATENT**  
 Incase there is no Post Grant Opposition.  
 Or  
 Opposition has been rejected.  
 Patent is granted for 20 years subject to payment of annuity fee.

