









PATENT PRACTICE UPDATE: AT A GLANCE

| Prosecution Phase | 30 | Change |
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| Filing |  | Relaxed filing requirements Restoration of priority available No late national phase filing as of right |
| Examination |  | Shortened prosecution timelines: 4 months to respond to Action Discretionary extension to 6 months 12 months to reinstate as of right for failure to respond |
| Allowance |  | Shortened timeline: 4 months to pay fee 12 months to reinstate as of right for failure to pay issue fee |
| Annual Renewal Fees |  | Notice required before abandonment: Pay by 6 months from due date or 2 months from notice, no reinstatement as of right |
| Abandonment/Reinstatement |  | Reinstatement for unintentional abandonment now available in some circumstances |
| Fees |  | No change, including no claims fees |
| Assignment |  | Simplified procedure for recording transfers of ownership |
| Patent Term Extension |  | Certificates of Supplementary Protection unchanged |
| Enforcement |  | File Wrapper Estoppel Patent Agent Privilege |

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