

PRH as PCT authority

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About PRH PRH FINNISH PATENT AND REGISTRATION OFFICE

Role



WE REGISTER

- businesses
- housing companies
- foundations
- associations
- LEI codes
- enterprise mortgages



WE EXAMINE AND GRANT

- patents & utility models
- trademarks
- designs



WE SUPERVISE

- foundations
- auditors
- copyright organizations

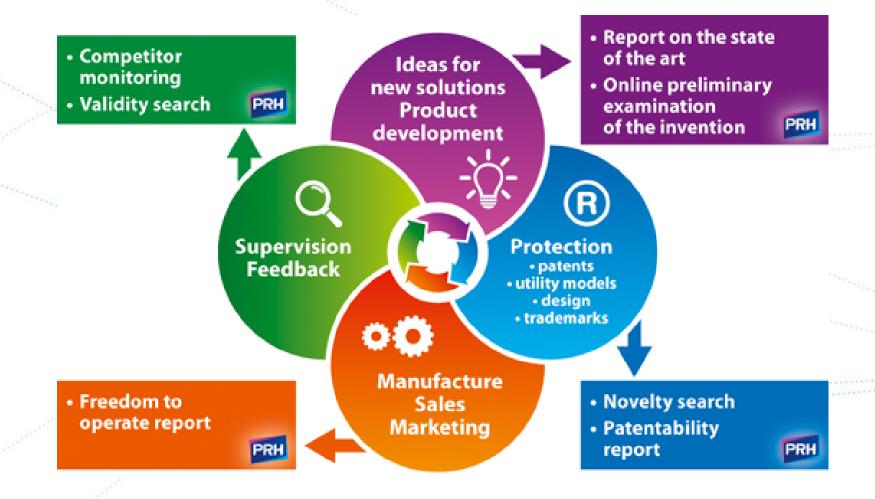


WE TRAIN AND GIVE ADVICE

- customer support
- information and advisory services
- training services and courses
- fairs and events



Information services at PRH





PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Examination Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering

Examination Division of Chemical Technology

Examination Division of Physics and Electrical Engineering

Examination Division of Information and Communication Technology

Trademarks and Designs

Customer Relations and Support Operations

Development and IT Systems

FINNISH PATENT AND REGISTRATION OFFICE

Competences

- Around 115 patent examiners
- 30 % working on mechanics and civil engineering
- 40 % working on ICT, electricity and physics
- 30 % working on chemistry and biotechnology
- About 50 % has PhD
- Excellent interdisciplinary skills
- Wide range of expertise
- New examiners recruited in 2017 (8), 2018 (9) and 2019 (2)







Different roles of PRH

- Receiving Office (RO)
 - ~1000 applications annually
- International Searching (ISA) and Preliminary Examining (IPEA) Authority
 - Since 1.4.2005

 - ~70 applications (IPEA) annually
- Designated Office (DO)
 - ~30-40 national phase entries per year
 - (but also via PCT regional phase FI/EP)



Focus in quality

- Quality Management System applied to processing of PCT applications since 2005
- Since 2006 ISO 9001 certificate
 - QMS of the PCT applications complies with the requirements of the standard
 - First ISA in the world
 - Currently certified under ISO 9001:2015 version



CERTIFICATE

Inspecta Sertificinti Oy as an IQNet Partner hereby states that the organization:

Finnish Patent and Registration Office Helsinki

for the following scope:

Processing of national patent applications and international applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

has implemented and maintains a

Quality Management System

which fulfils the requirements of the following standard:

ISO 9001:2015

Issued on: 2016-11-15

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Motivation for QMS

Continuously develop quality and productivity

Strategic goal: Our customers succeed

PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines, Chapter 21: QMS is mandatory



Picks from our services



PCT timeliness

- Written opinion (WO)
 - PCT/ISA WO within 4 months if no priority,
 - otherwise according to PCT rules
- In 2019, 88 % within the time limits set in Rule 42.1 PCT



PCT Direct

- Launched 1 April 2019
- If a PCT application claims priority from an earlier application, applicant can submit informal comments on matters raised in the novelty search and the patentability examination of the priority application.
- Comments are informal but the examiner of the PCT application takes them into account
- Applied to PCT applications filed with the PRH as Receiving Office (RO/FI) and for which the PRH acts as an International Searching Authority (ISA/FI).
 - an earlier application already searched and examined by the PRH.
- PCT Direct letters do not form part of international applications but they will be published in WIPO's PATENTSCOPE
- more information



Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH)

- Based on agreement between patent authorities
 - You may request a fast-track examination of your application at a second office if the first office has already found the claims allowable
- Increases the likelihood that your applications following your first application will be allowed, thus also saving costs

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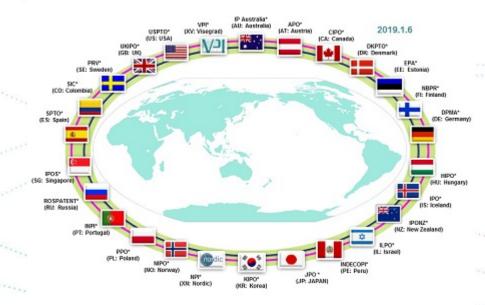
PCT-PPH

PPH (MOTTAINAI)



Global PPH (GPPH)

- based on PPH (MOTTAINAI) and PCT-PPH
 - GPPH request on basis of a national or a PCT-application
- simplifies the existing PPH system
 - uniform requirements for the PPH requests
 - common instructions for their processing
- allows patent applicants to request accelerated examination at any of the offices involved in the program if their claims have been found to be acceptable by any of the other offices involved in the program





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