

Patent Services USA Issues Pricing Transparency Statement Ahead of New USPTO Rule for Foreign Applicants

Patent Services USA reaffirms flat, itemized pricing for international inventors ahead of the July 20, 2026, USPTO foreign applicant representation rule.

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Pricing transparency has been part of how we operate from day one. Inventors receive an itemized breakdown of each stage of the process in writing before making a decision."

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today issued a pricing transparency statement in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) final rule requiring foreign-domiciled patent applicants and patent owners to be represented by a registered U.S. patent practitioner. The rule, published in the [Federal Register](#) on March 20, 2026 (91 FR 13510, Docket No. PTO-P-2025-0008), takes effect on July 20, 2026, and applies to most filings received on or after that date, regardless of when an application was originally filed.

What the Rule Requires

Under the new rule, patent applicants and patent owners whose domicile is outside the United States or its

territories must be represented by a registered patent practitioner, defined as a registered U.S. patent attorney, a registered patent agent, or an individual granted limited recognition under applicable USPTO rules, when filing or prosecuting patent matters before the USPTO. The requirement applies regardless of the applicant's citizenship and applies to mixed-domicile groups in which at least one applicant is foreign-domiciled.

A foreign-domiciled applicant may still receive a filing date without a practitioner's signature, but certain submissions, including Application Data Sheets, priority and benefit claims, and micro-entity certifications, may not be recognized unless properly signed by a registered practitioner.

What It Means for International Inventors

For independent inventors living outside the United States who are considering U.S. patent protection, the most important practical effect of the rule is that engaging a registered U.S.

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