

SUMMARY TABLE

Expedited Examination Types/Grounds	Details	Countries
General Expedited Examination	A program generally available to any applicant and for all types of applications.	Finland, France, Republic of Moldova, Philippines, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, United States of America, European Patent Office
Public Interest/National Emergency/ Defense	Expedited examination of the application is justified by a national emergency, the benefit of the general public or for defense purposes.	Australia, Brazil, China, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States of America
COVID-19	The application concerns technologies that are used in relation to COVID-19 specifically	Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, France, Israel, Morocco
Health-Care Related Technology	Subject matter of the patent application concerns health-related technologies.	Brazil, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Thailand, United States of America
Green Technology	Subject matter of the patent application concerns green technologies or other technologies that aim to improve the environment.	Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Finland, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, United States of America
Certain Other Technology Areas	The application concerns certain technological areas, such as AI, IoT, big data, cloud computing, etc.	China, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation
Applications Filed by Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises/Startups/Venture Businesses or Others	The application is filed by an applicant having the status of a Small or Medium-Sized Enterprise, a venture business or another type of business or enterprise.	Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation (priority examination of applications for inventions and utility models filed by small technology companies)
Application Filed by Public Entity or Scientific/Technological Institution or is Related to Education/Duties of the State	The application is filed by a public, scientific or technological institution or otherwise by an institution related to education or duties of the state.	Brazil, Japan, Republic of Korea
Health/Age of Applicant or Inventor	The applicant's or inventor's health or age justifies expedited examination of the application.	Brazil, Israel, Republic of Korea, United States of America
First-time Filer Applicant or Recipient of an Award	The applicant is filing an application for the first time before the IPO, or is the recipient of an award in the respective country.	United States of America

Need to Commercialize/Produce/Export/License the Invention	The grounds for requesting expedited examination are related to the commercialization, production or licensing of the invention.	Australia, Brazil, China, Israel, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea
Needs Relating to Unauthorized Use of the Invention by a Third Party	The applicant alleges unauthorized use of the claimed invention by a third party.	Australia, Brazil, China, Israel, Norway, Republic of Korea
Application First Filed in the Country	The application is first filed in the respective country.	Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Norway, Thailand
Application is filed in Conjunction with Another Application	The application has been or will be filed in at least one other foreign IPO (claiming priority)	Israel, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea
Application is an International Application under the PCT or the Office acts as the Receiving Office or International Searching Authority (ISA)	The program applies with respect to international applications under the PCT or when the Office acts as the Receiving Office/ISA	Japan, Republic of Korea, Spain, Thailand
After Unreasonably Long Pendency for Examination	Possibility to request expedited examination arises if the application has not been examined in due time.	Israel
Applicant has Requested/Intends to Receive Funding or Investment	The applicant has been granted public funding or is requesting funding, e.g., from credit institutions.	Australia, Brazil, Norway
Applicant's Rights Would be Affected Under Regular Examination	Justification for expedited examination is provided when applicant is able to demonstrate that the standard procedure and pendency would cause their rights to be prejudiced.	Canada
PPH	Expedited examination is carried out by virtue of any of the Patent Prosecution Highway programs.	Information on PPH-implementing Member States can be consulted in each respective IPO's website or the PPH Portal website. ¹

¹ Available at: <https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/toppage/pph-portal/index.html>.