

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Is it possible to utilise the services of VIT IPR Cell to apply for patent and getting it granted?
Yes, very much so. VIT IPR Cell has the mandate of facilitating the patenting of inventions made by faculty members, research associates, research scholars and other researchers working at VIT.
2. In what proportion would the expenditure to be incurred for getting the patent granted be shared between VIT and the inventors?
If the patent application is processed through VIT IPR Cell and VIT is the Assignee for the granted patent, the fee payable at various stages in the process of getting the patent granted is paid by VIT. No fees in such a case is payable by the Inventor.
3. If the expenditure to be incurred for the patenting process is fully borne by VIT, what will be royalty share for inventors after the patent is granted and we go for commercialisation?
The revenue accruing out of the commercial exploitation of IP (i.e. the technology transfer fee and subsequent royalty payments) would be shared appropriately between the inventor(s) and the Institute. Currently this ratio is 60:40.
4. Can you help us with the complete rules and regulations of the patent application and regulations followed by the VIT IPR cell?
Please go through the links 'Frequently asked questions' and 'IPR Policy' under "IPR Cell" at VIT Home page.
5. Is it possible to apply for patent as an individual without help from VIT?
If the work leading to the invention is done during the stay of researcher at VIT and if the facilities available at VIT are used to do the work leading to the invention, it is expected that the Inventor files the application through VIT IPR Cell with VIT as the Assignee.
6. If the patent application is not processed through VIT IPR Cell, will VIT still pay the complete patent fee?
If the patent is not applied through VIT IPR Cell, VIT will not pay for any of the expenditure associated with the patenting process.
7. What are the documents to be submitted to IPR Cell, when one makes a beginning with patenting his invention?

Invention Disclosure Form and (2) IP Facilitation Request are the two documents to be generated. The blank forms of the Invention Disclosure Form and IP Facilitation Request may be downloaded from the IPR Cell link at the VIT website. The documents have to be filled in. IP Facilitation Request has to contain the recommendation of the concerned Dean / Director.

There were instances, where Application for Copyright Registration was filled up and submitted to IPR Cell. This document is not required to be submitted to IPR Cell. There were also instances, when the Inventor submitted details as Forms 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Indian Patents Act 1970. These forms are not required to be submitted to be IPR cell.

8. Which are the points which need particular attention, while filling the Invention Disclosure Form (IDF)?

The following points in IDF require particular attention:

Point 8: General area of the patent: Please be specific

Point 10: Present state of art: You have to cite, without fail, patents granted in related areas, including the patent number.

Point 11: Limitations of the presently available technology / product: The response to this point should be clearly emerging from the response given to point 10

Point 12: Description of the invention: As detailed as possible and well-illustrated with flow charts, diagrams etc. as appropriate

Point 22: Commercial aspects of the product / process / technology developed: To be compulsorily answered and not to be glossed over

Point 24: Any industries / companies interested in licensing this work: Your response should be there, without fail.

9. Where these documents should be reached?

Inventor has to mail the pdf version of the scanned copy of his / her Invention Disclosure Form along with the scanned copy of the IP Facilitation Request containing the recommendation of the concerned Dean / Director to the mail ID iprvit@vit.ac.in for consideration of the IPR Cell.

10. Is it necessary to submit hard copies of Invention Disclosure Form and the IP Facilitation Request to VIT IPR Cell?

It is not necessary to submit hard copies. It is sufficient to mail soft copies.

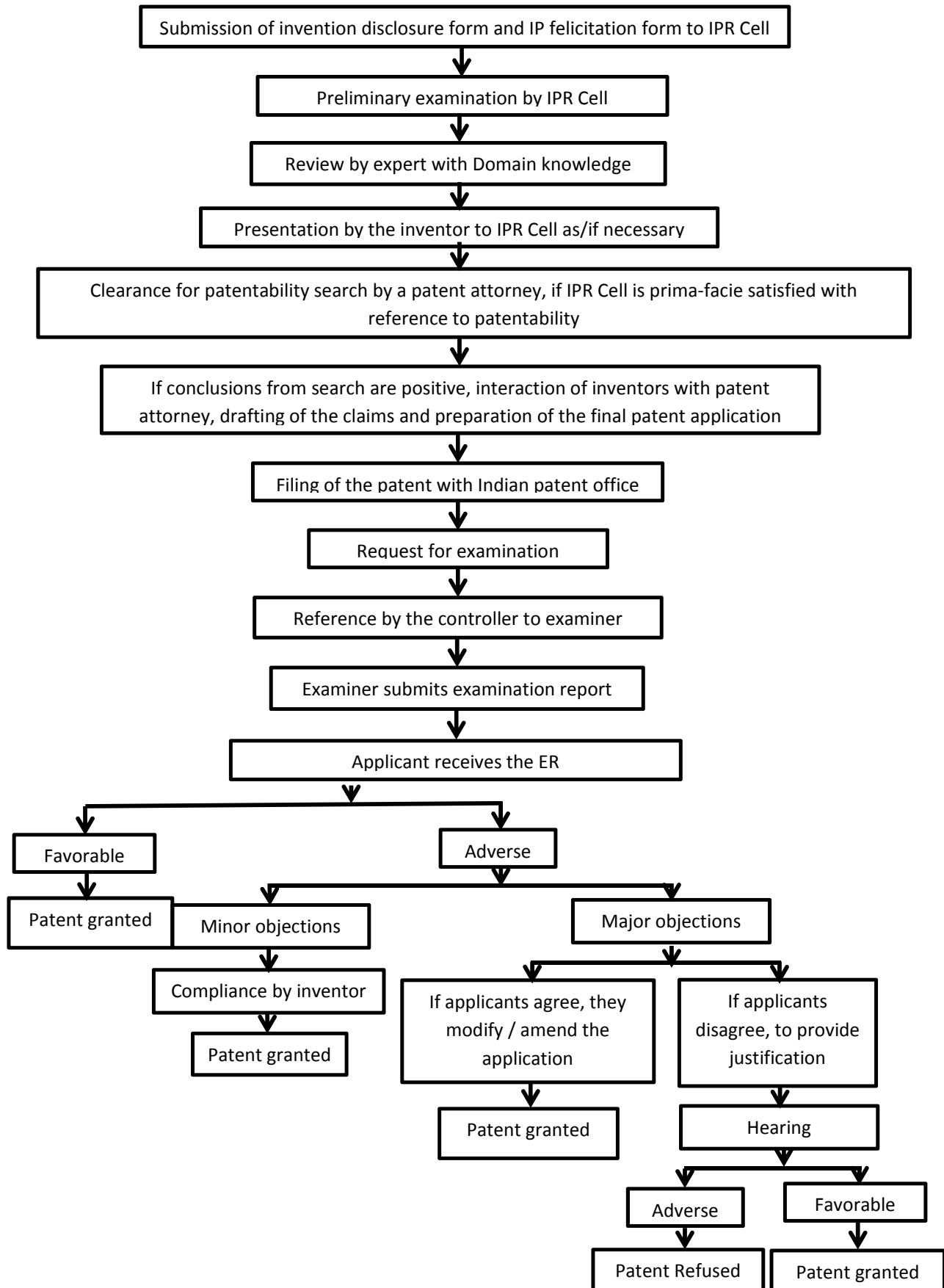
11. Should the documents be also sent to Technology Business Incubator (TBI) at VIT?

No. Please do not send the documents to TBI. The IPR related issues are no more handled by TBI. IPR Cell has been newly constituted in the Month of July 2017; this Cell is now looking after all IPR related matters. All correspondence relating to IPR matters may please be addressed to iprvit@vit.ac.in.

12. What are the steps involved from the point of submitting the application to IPR Cell till the point of grant of patent?

Please see the enclosed flow diagram.

STEPS INVOLVED IN THE PATENTING PROCESS



13. Can the VIT IPR Cell be contacted telephonically?

Should you need any clarification on telephone, the Convener of the Cell is available at VIT extension 2297.