IP roadmap
Your path to trademark registration

1. Filing
   - Fee
     - Online: $330 for the first Nice class of goods or services, plus $100 for each additional class
     - Paper: $430 for the first Nice class of goods or services, plus $100 for each additional class
   - You can start the application process by filing your application with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) online, by mail or by fax.
   - A complete application must include the following:
     - your name and address
     - your trademark
     - the goods or services associated with the trademark
     - the application fee

2. Filing date issued
   - If everything is in order with your application, CIPO assigns a filing date and an application number.
   - Your application will be entered into the Canadian Trademarks Database.

3. Examination: Checking for registrability
   - A trademark examiner will review your application to make sure that your trademark is registrable.

4. Examiner’s report
   - If there are any issues with your application, such as confusion with an existing trademark, the examiner will let you know in their report.

5. Response
   - You will have the opportunity to respond to any of the examiner’s concerns.

6. Approval
   - If your application is approved, CIPO will send you a formal notice of approval to let you know.
   - OR
   - Refusal
     - If your application is refused, CIPO will send you a report explaining why.

7. Advertisement
   - If CIPO approves your application, it will be published in the Trademarks Journal on CIPO’s website.
   - This will give others the opportunity to oppose your application.

8. Registration
   - If there is no opposition to your application, or if an opposition is rejected, your application will proceed to registration.
   - CIPO will send you a certificate of registration and enter the trademark in the Register of Trademarks.

9. Renewal
   - Fee
     - Online: $400 for the first Nice class of goods or services, plus $125 for each additional class
     - Paper: $500 for the first Nice class of goods or services, plus $125 for each additional class
   - To maintain your registration, you will have to pay a renewal fee every 10 years.

When will I receive my certificate?
20 days

For how long will my application be advertised?
2 months

Expectation: Service standards met 90% of the time

If the opposition is successful, your application could be completely or partially refused.
You have the right to appeal to the Federal Court of Canada.