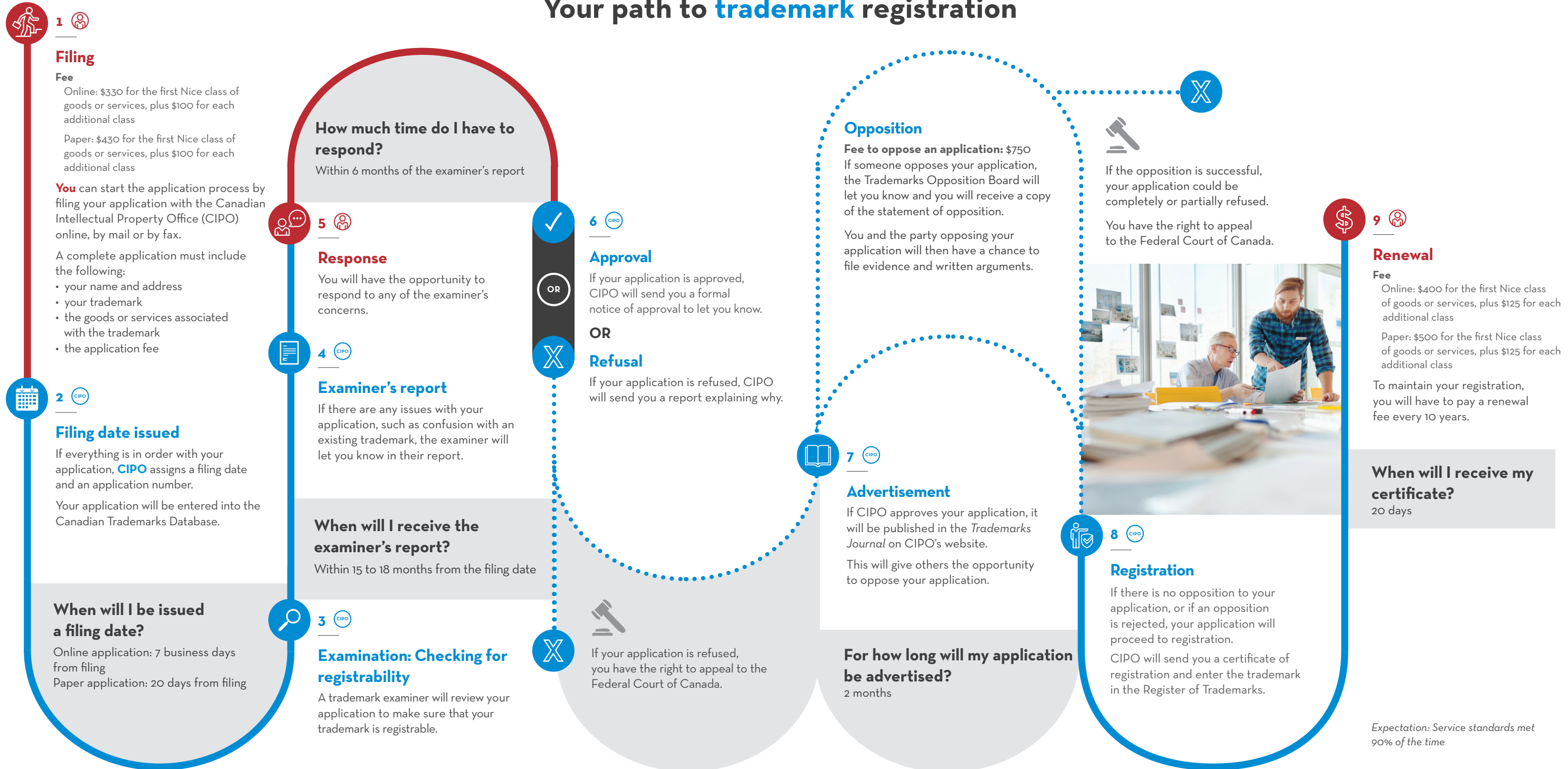


IP roadmap

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.

When will I be issued a filing date?

Online application: 7 business days from filing
Paper application: 20 days from filing

How much time do I have to respond?

Within 6 months of the examiner's report

5 Response

You will have the opportunity to respond to any of the examiner's concerns.

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.

When will I receive the examiner's report?

Within 15 to 18 months from the filing date

3 Examination: Checking for registrability

A trademark examiner will review your application to make sure that your trademark is registrable.

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.

If your application is refused, you have the right to appeal to the Federal Court of Canada.

Opposition

Fee to oppose an application: \$750
If someone opposes your application, the Trademarks Opposition Board will let you know and you will receive a copy of the statement of opposition.

You and the party opposing your application will then have a chance to file evidence and written arguments.

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.

For how long will my application be advertised?

2 months



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.



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

Expectation: Service standards met 90% of the time