



Trademark Registration Process in India

Step 1: Trademark Search:

- Before filing an application, it is crucial to conduct a comprehensive search on the Trademark Registry database to ensure that the proposed trademark is unique and does not conflict with existing marks, whether registered or unregistered.

Step 2: Filing the Trademark Application:

- The trademark application can be filed for a single class or multiple classes based on the goods and/or services offered. Applicants must complete the prescribed Form TMA, either online or physically at the Trademark Office, and submit it along with all required documents, including a user affidavit if prior use is claimed.

Step 3: Examination by the Trademark Office:

- Within 30 days of filing, the Examiner issues an examination report after reviewing the application against the guidelines of the Trademark Act, 1999. This report may raise objections on absolute, relative, or procedural grounds, to which the applicant must respond within 30 days.

Step 4: Post-Examination Process:

- If the Examiner remains unsatisfied with the response or objections persist, a hearing may be scheduled. Following the hearing, the Examiner will either accept the trademark for publication or reject the application.



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Step 5: Advertisement of the Trademark:

- Once accepted, the trademark is published in the Trademark Journal for a period of 4 months. This public advertisement invites oppositions from any aggrieved party..

Step 6: Opposition Proceedings:

- The During the 4-month advertisement period, any interested party may file a notice of opposition using the prescribed form. If opposition is raised, the applicant must respond by filing a counterstatement along with supporting evidence, and the matter will be resolved through a formal legal process.

Step 7: Registration:

- If no opposition is filed or the opposition is successfully overcome, the trademark is registered. An auto-generated registration certificate is issued within one week of the conclusion of the opposition period, and the trademark is valid for 10 years, subject to timely renewal.