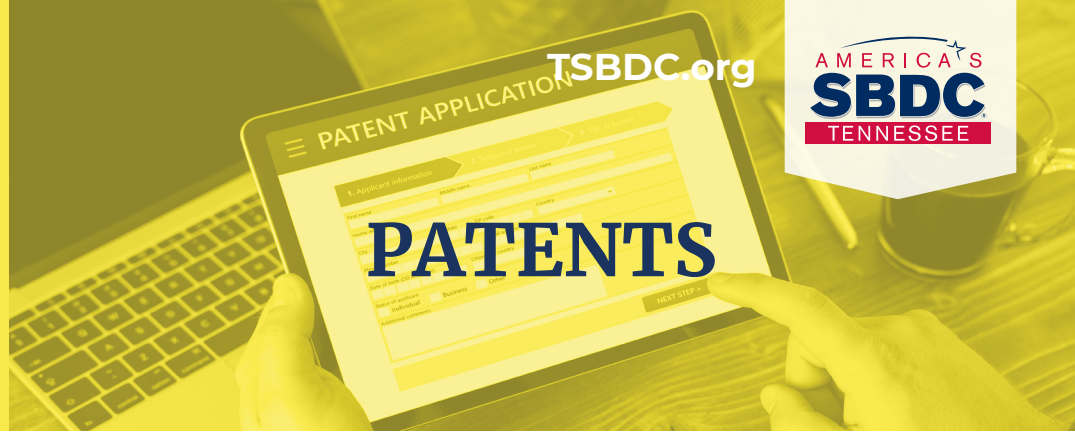




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LESSON TOPICS

1. What is a Patent?

A patent is a legal document that protects an invention. A patent is an exclusive right awarded for an invention, a product, or a technique that offers a new technical solution to a problem or provides a new way of doing something. A patent application must provide technical facts about the invention to the public to get one.

2. How to File for a Patent

For a utility patent, you submit a provisional patent application or utility application. The provisional patent application is not a fully-fledged patent application, as it is a placeholder saying you are in line for the patent application process. This gives the inventor the opportunity to develop data, find investors, and iterate a bit. The next step is to file a US nonprovisional application or file for Patent Cooperation Treaty. A US nonprovisional application will incorporate your provisional filing date and will be reviewed by a patent examiner. The Patent Cooperation Treaty is an international treaty that governs patent law. It establishes a standardized method for filing patent applications in each of its contracting states to safeguard inventions.