



EFS-Web

Petition to Make Special Based on Age

Quick Start Guide

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Introduction



The Petition to Make special based on Age is available in EFS-Web under the *Existing application/patent* flow and allows e-Filers to have the petition automatically processed if the petitioner is 65 years of age or older.

Benefits

When submitted through EFS-Web, the petition may be automatically processed in real-time versus several weeks time frame when submitted in paper. Also, the petition grant document is returned to the e-Filer as part of the acknowledgement receipt as well as placed in the Image File Wrapper (IFW), which is viewable in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.

Submission Process

Registered or Unregistered e-Filers can file this petition.

To submit this petition, you must

1. Complete the petition using the required fillable form [SB130](#), *Petition to Make Special based on Age*;
2. Select *Existing application/patent* from the initial EFS-Web page;
3. Select *Petition*;
4. Select *Petition to make special based on Age*;
5. Enter the application number and confirmation number for the petition;
6. Attach the petition on the *Attach Documents* screen in EFS-Web.

Data validation will be done on the petition form to ensure all fields within the form are completed and also at upload to verify the data entered on the form matches the data at the USPTO. If the data does not match or if there are business rules that prohibit auto-processing, the petition will not be submitted.

Requirements for Attorney or Agent filing on inventor's behalf

The following requirements must be met before the e-Filer can file the petition:

- Attorney or agent must be in possession of evidence showing inventor is 65 years of age or more