

WALLINGTON-DUMMER

PATENT & TRADE MARK ATTORNEYS

Trade Marks: Australia

Headstart Application Process		
<i>Steps</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Important Notes</i>
1.	Lodge the Headstart Application online through e-services. Pay the Part 1 fee (see our Fee Schedule) (Lodgement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ must select goods/services from the pre-existing “picklist”➤ must pay the Part 1 Fee (per Class)➤ Lodgement does not secure a formal filing date➤ IPAU will allocate a TM Appl. No. at this time
2.	Within 5 business days of Lodgement, an Examiner will issue a Headstart Results Report (Results Report) raising any issues/barriers to registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ after receiving Report, discussions can take place with Examiner re issues raised in the Report (eg. citations, description of goods/services etc).
3.	Within 5 business days of receiving the Results Report, the Headstart Application can be converted into a standard application by paying the Part 2 Fee (Conversion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Conversion secures a formal Filing Date (ie. published and formally recorded on AU online trade marks register)➤ minimal amendments are allowed (eg. to description of goods/services etc.)➤ no extensions of time allowed for Conversion
4.	The standard application proceeds through the standard examination process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ the next step is formal examination of the standard application (ie. usually occurs within 3-4 months from Filing Date)➤ examiners are not “bound” by the results in the Report but adverse/differing results during examination of standard application are rare

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