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# Application submission in DOCX format and Patent Center overview

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- Single search bar for retrieving applications

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