

**CERTIFICATION OF MICRO ENTITY STATUS
(GROSS INCOME BASIS)**

Application Number: To be assigned

Filing Date: Herewith

First Named Inventor: Brian James Rutherford

Title: MULTI-DOMAIN AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM
WITH
CREDENTIAL PORTABILITY FOR AI AGENT NETWORKS

Attorney Docket Number: RUTHERFORD-019-PROV

MICRO ENTITY STATUS REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for micro entity status, an applicant must certify that:

1. The applicant qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27
2. Neither the applicant nor the inventor has been named on more than four previously filed patent applications
3. The applicant's gross income in the previous calendar year did not exceed three times the median household income
4. The applicant has not assigned, granted, or conveyed (and is not obligated to do so) a license or other ownership interest to an entity having gross income exceeding three times the median household income

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

- ☒ (1) The applicant qualifies as a small entity as defined in 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ (2) Neither the applicant nor the inventor nor a joint inventor has been named as the inventor or a joint inventor on more than four previously filed patent applications, excluding:

- Applications filed in another country
- Provisional applications under 35 U.S.C. 111(b)
- International applications for which the basic national fee under 35 U.S.C. 41(a) was not paid

☒ (3) Neither the applicant nor the inventor nor a joint inventor, in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the examination fee is being paid, had a gross income, as defined in section 61(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, exceeding three times the median household income for that preceding calendar year, as most recently reported by the Bureau of the Census.

For 2024, the gross income limit is: **\$184,050** ($3 \times \$61,350$ median household income)

☒ (4) Neither the applicant nor the inventor nor a joint inventor has assigned, granted, or conveyed, nor is under an obligation by contract or law to assign, grant, or convey, a license or other ownership interest in the application concerned to an entity that, in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the examination fee is being paid, had a gross income exceeding three times the median household income.

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☒ Applicant is the inventor

☐ Applicant is the assignee, obligated assignee, or has sufficient proprietary interest

SIGNATURE

I acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this certification is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

Signature: /Brian James Rutherford/

Name: Brian James Rutherford

Date: _____

Title (if applicant is assignee): N/A - Individual Inventor

WARNING: The Director may require additional information where there is a question as to whether the requirements for micro entity status are met. False statements regarding income are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Note: The median household income is determined by the Census Bureau and may be updated annually. The current income threshold for micro entity status (three times the median household income) for 2024 is \$184,050.

Form Instructions: This form should be filed with the provisional patent application or as soon as the applicant determines that micro entity status is appropriate. A new certification must be filed prior to paying any fee at the micro entity rate in each application.