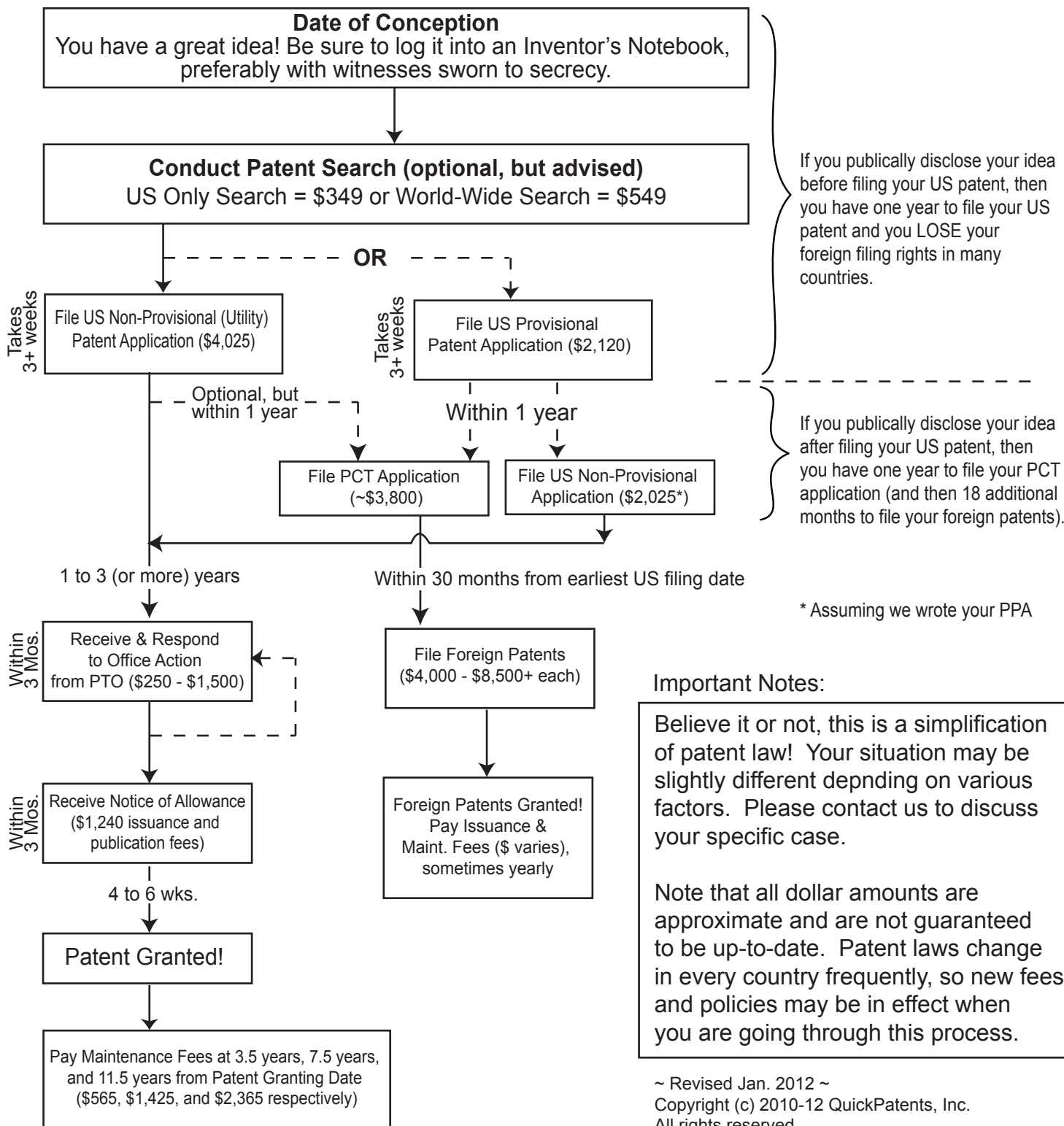


## Utility Patent Timelines & Costs



If you publicly disclose your idea before filing your US patent, then you have one year to file your US patent and you LOSE your foreign filing rights in many countries.

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