What are the steps of the HSNO rapid application process?

1. **APPLY**
   - The applicant provides us with the final signed application form and payment (including a signed statutory declaration for HS applications).

2. **CHECK**
   - We check that the relevant form(s) have been filled out correctly, and payment has been made.

3. **RECEIVE**
   - We formally receive the application. This marks the start of the statutory timeframe.

4. **ASSESS PATHWAY**
   - We assess which pathway the application should follow. This is based on a set of criteria defining each of the HSNO pathways.

5. **ASSESS RISKS**
   - If the rapid pathway is confirmed, we undertake a risk assessment of the application. This is when we consider the risks of the application, together with the required controls.

6. **NOTIFY**
   - We notify the applicant and the public of the decision within 10 working days of the decision being made.

7. **DECIDE**
   - The delegated decision-maker makes a decision on the application within 10 working days of formal receipt. This marks the end of the statutory timeframe.

8. **EPA STAFF**
   - We discuss the application process with the applicant, including Māori consultation (if appropriate).

9. **APPLICANT**
   - We formally receive the application. This marks the start of the statutory timeframe.