

Revision to Fees Related to IP Rights

< Effective from April 1, 2022 >

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The JPO's schedule of fees related to patents and trademarks will be revised (the fees related to utility models and designs will not be revised.). The revised fees will come into effect on April 1, 2022.

1. Fees before and after the revisions on April 1, 2022

* Fees changed (increased) due to the revisions are indicated with blue markers.

(1) Patents		Pre-Revision		Post-Revision	
Patent Application		JPY14,000		JPY14,000	
Request for Examination	Direct JP/ Divisional	JPY138,000	+ JPY 4,000 per claim	JPY138,000	+ JPY 4,000 per claim
	JP entry of PCT	JPY124,000	+ JPY 3,600 per claim	JPY124,000	+ JPY 3,600 per claim
Patent Registration/ Maintenance (for each year)	1st to 3rd year	JPY 2,100	+ JPY 200 per claim	JPY 4,300	+ JPY 300 per claim
	4th to 6th year	JPY 6,400	+ JPY 500 per claim	JPY 10,300	+ JPY 800 per claim
	7th to 9th year	JPY 19,300	+ JPY 1,500 per claim	JPY 24,800	+ JPY 1,900 per claim
	10th to 25th year	JPY 55,400	+ JPY 4,300 per claim	JPY 59,400	+ JPY 4,600 per claim

(2) Utility Models		Pre-Revision		Post-Revision	
Utility Model Application		JPY14,000		JPY14,000	
Request for Registrability Report		JPY42,000	+ JPY 1,000 per claim	JPY42,000	+ JPY 1,000 per claim
Utility Model Registration/ Maintenance (for each year)	1st to 3rd year	JPY 2,100	+ JPY 100 per claim	JPY 2,100	+ JPY 100 per claim
	4th to 6th year	JPY 6,100	+ JPY 300 per claim	JPY 6,100	+ JPY 300 per claim
	7th to 10th year	JPY18,100	+ JPY 900 per claim	JPY18,100	+ JPY 900 per claim

(3) Design		Pre-Revision	Post-Revision
Design Application		JPY16,000	JPY16,000
Design Registration/ Maintenance (for each year)	1st to 3rd year	JPY 8,500	JPY 8,500
	4th to 25th year	JPY16,900	JPY16,900

(4) International Design under the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement	Pre-Revision	Post-Revision
Individual Designation Fee at International Application Stage	JPY74,600 per design	JPY74,600 per design
Individual Designation Fee at Renewal Stage for 1st to 4th Renewal (for each 5 years)	JPY 84,500 per design	JPY 84,500 per design

(5) Trademark	Pre-Revision			Post-Revision		
Trademark Application	JPY3,400	+	JPY 8,600 per class	JPY3,400	+	JPY 8,600
Application for Defensive Mark Registration	JPY6,800	+	JPY17,200 per class	JPY6,800	+	JPY17,200
Request for Registration of Renewal of Defensive mark Registration						
Trademark Registration	Payment in lump sum		JPY28,200 per class	JPY32,900 per class		
	Payment by 2 installments		JPY16,400 per class	JPY17,200 per class		
Renewal of Trademark Registration	Payment in lump sum		JPY38,800 per class	JPY43,600 per class		
	Payment by 2 installments		JPY22,600 per class	JPY22,800 per class		
Defensive Mark Registration		JPY28,200 per class		JPY32,900 per class		
Renewal of Defensive Mark Registration		JPY33,400 per class		JPY37,500 per class		

(6) International Trademark under Madrid Protocol	Pre-Revision			Post-Revision		
Individual Fee (1 st) (Corresp. to Application Fee)	JPY2,700	+	JPY8,600 per class	JPY2,700	+	JPY8,600 per class
Individual Fee (2 nd) (Corresp. to Registration Fee)	JPY 8,200 per class			JPY32,900 per class		
Individual Fee (for renewal) (Corresp. to Renewal Registration Fee)	JPY38,800 per class			JPY43,600 per class		

- The 2021-revision abolishes payment of 2nd individual fee to WIPO after registration; the 2nd individual fee must be paid at one time at WIPO upon filing.

2. Which Fee Applies: Pre-Revision Fee or Post-Revision Fee?

(1) Basic Ideas

Fees paid before the effective date of the revised law (i.e., before or on March 31, 2022)	Pre-Revision fees
Fees paid on or after the effective date of the revised law (i.e., on or after April 1, 2022)	Post-Revision fees

(2) Exceptions

- Pre-revision fees apply to the following fees even when paid on or after the effective date of the revised law (i.e., on or after April 1, 2022).
 - (a) Registration/maintenance fees to be paid for patents granted based on patent applications for which a request for substantive examination was filed on or before March 31, 2004.
 - (b) Registration fees to be paid for patents, utility models, designs, and trademarks when the 30th day (or, if the Patent Office is closed on the 30th day, then the next day when the Patent Office is open) from the issuance date of a decision of grant is before the effective date, i.e., before or on March 31, 2022.
 - (c) Maintenance fees and surcharges to be paid for patents under Article 112 of the Patent Law and maintenance fees and surcharges to be paid for trademarks under Article 43 of the Trademark Law when the original due date for payment is before the effective date, i.e., before or on March 31, 2022.
 - (d) Second installments for registration fees to be paid for trademarks under Article 41-bis, paragraph 1 of the Trademark Law and second installments for registration renewal fees to be paid for trademark under Article 41-bis, paragraph 7 of the Trademark Law when the first installment was paid in the pre-revision fee.

- In the case of international search fees (including additional fees) for international applications, the pre-revision fees apply if the international filing date is before the effective date of the 2021-revised law (i.e., before or on March 31, 2022), while the post-revision fees apply if the international filing date is after the effective date (i.e., on or after April 1, 2022). In the case of preliminary examination fees (including additional fees) for international applications, the pre-revision fees apply if the date of payment is before the effective date of the 2021-revised law (i.e., before or on March 31, 2022), while the post-revision fees apply if the date of payment is after the effective date (i.e., on or after April 1, 2022).

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