

Changes in the JPO Fees Effective on and after April 1, 2022

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I. Changes in the JPO Fees

- The JPO will increase the fees in order to:
 - improve the examination quality, and
 - provide applicants with better services.

The fees will be increased for patents and trademarks.



Effective Date

- The effective date is April 1, 2022.
 - The old fee is applicable to fee paid or payable by the effective date, and the new fee is applicable otherwise.



Comparison Table-Patents

	Old Fees (JPY)	New Fees (JPY)
Application	14,000	14,000
Examination	138,000+(4,000 x Claims)	138,000 + (4,000 x Claims)
Registration (The 1 st -3 rd)	(2,100+(200 x Claims)) x 3 years	(4,300+(300 x Claims)) x 3 years
Annuity (The 4 th - 6 th)	6,400+(500 x Claims)	10,300+(800 x Claims)
Annuity (The 7 th - 9 th)	19,300+(1,500 x Claims)	24,800+(1,900 x Claims)
Annuity (The 10 th - 25 th)	55,400+(4,300 x Claims)	59,400+(4,600 x Claims)

Comparison Table-Trademarks

	Old Fees (JPY)	New Fees (JPY)
Application	3,400+(8,600 x Classes)	3,400+(8,600 x Classes)
Application (Defensive Mark)	6,800+(17,200 x Classes)	6,800+(17,200 x Classes)
Registration	28,200 x Classes	32,900 x Classes
Registration - By Installments	16,400 x Classes	17,200 x Classes
Renewal	38,800 x Classes	43,600 x Classes
Renewal - By Installments	22,600 x Classes	22,800 x Classes
Registration (Defensive Mark)	28,200 x Classes	32,900 x Classes
Renewal (Defensive Mark)	33,400 x Classes	37,500 x Classes



Comparison Table-Trademarks

- Official fees for application, registration and renewal under Madrid Protocol also increases.



II. Our Suggestions

■ Patents

- Registration Fee (Annuity for 1st to 3rd years)

The applicant should pay the registration fee within 30 days from the issue date of the Notice of Allowance. Therefore, if the due date is on or after April 2, 2022, the applicant should pay the registration fee with the new (increased) fees.

- Annuities (After 4th year)

The patent owner can pay the annuity fee anytime before the start of the annuity year. Multiple payment is also acceptable. Please reevaluate your patent and consider the necessity of maintain the patent, then please instruct us to pay ahead of schedule/for multiple years. We are happy to assist you to evaluate your patent in Japan.



II. Our Suggestions

■ Trademarks

■ Registration Fee

The applicant should pay the registration fee *within 30 days from the issue date of the Notice of Allowance. Therefore, if the due date is on or after April 2, 2022, the applicant should pay the registration fee with the new (increased) fees.

*within 3 months from the mailing date of Statement of Grant of Protection if the application is to seek extension of protection to Japan under Madrid Protocol. The registration fee must be paid to WIPO.

■ Renewal Fee (Every 10 or 5 years)

The trademark owner can pay the renewal fee 6 months before the due date. Please reevaluate your trademark and consider the necessity of maintain all classes, then please instruct us to pay ahead of schedule/pay only for the necessary classes. We are happy to assist you to evaluate your trademark and classes in Japan.



Thank You

Should you have any inquiry regarding Japanese IP practice, please do not hesitate to contact us (itohpat@itohpat.co.jp).

ITOH is always pleased to assist you !