

Fees for Filing Design Applications

I. GOVERNMENT FEE

A. Introduction

JPO accepts related design applications. The government fee for registering related designs will be the same as with normal design applications. It also is possible to request secrecy for your applied design, if you paid the additional fee for requesting thereof.

B. Schedule of Fee

1. JPO Website

http://www.ipa.go.jp/tetuzuki_e/ryoukin_e/ryokine.htm,

Please kindly refer to the JPO Website above, in which the systematic fee schedule is explained.

2. The followings are frequently asked fees in our practice.

-Recording transfer (change of owner, not inheritance) JPY 9,000/design

3. Example Calculations

a. Application for Registration

Bringing about a better understanding on the Japanese fee payment system, please see the example below calculated for the case of one normal design application.

At the time of filing

Basic Application Fee	JPY 16,000
<u>Additional Fee for Requesting Secrecy</u>	<u>JPY 5,100</u>
Total	JPY 21,100

At the time of receiving "Grant of Registration"

Registration Fee	JPY 8,500
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Total government fee from application to registration

In the above case, it will be JPY 24,500 for normal application, or JPY 29,600 for requesting secrecy application.

b. Annuity Payment

From the 2nd year of registration, annual payment of the annuity is required.

In this regard, making a lump-sum payment is possible.

At the time of registration,

paying for registration fee and annuity fees to the 3rd year

	JPY 8,500 (registration fee)
+	JPY 8,500 (2 nd annuity fee)
+	<u>JPY 8,500 (3rd annuity fee)</u>
Total	JPY 25,500, in one time.

At the time of 2nd year's annuity payment,
paying annuities for the 2nd to 6th years together.

	JPY 8,500 (2 nd annuity fee)
+	JPY 8,500 (3 rd annuity fee)
+	JPY 16,900 (4 th annuity fee)
+	JPY 16,900 (5 th annuity fee)
+	JPY 16,900 (6 th annuity fee)
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Total	JPY 67,700, in one time.

II. PATENT ATTORNEY'S SERVICE FEE

A. Introduction

In case a patent attorney is chosen as your patent administrator, required by Article 8 (1) of the Japanese Patent Law¹, the fee for those local representative services rendered in your requested filing will be needed.

B. Schedule of Charges

As to this patent attorney's fee, there is no official designated list of charges. Thus, it depends on each patent attorney's firm.

Please ask directly to the firm that you are delegating your application to.

¹ Article 8 (1) of Japanese Patent Law. "Unless otherwise provided for by Cabinet Order, no person domiciled or resident (or, in the case of a juridical person, with a business office) outside Japan (herein after referred to as an "overseas resident") may undertake procedures or institute action against measures taken by a relevant administrative agency in accordance with the provisions of this Act or an order issued under this Act, except through a representative domiciled or resident in Japan, who is acting for such person in handling matters related to the person's patent (hereinafter referred to as a "patent administrator.")"