

4-6. Individual Fee

Japan adopts and sets up its own “individual fee” system in place of the supplementary and complementary fee system under Article 8(7) of the Protocol. Therefore, if Japan is designated in the international registration, only the individual fee, instead of the supplementary and complementary fee, is payable.

In this regard, the applicant should be careful about the following three points.

- The individual fee for Japan must be paid in two parts (at two stages).

First Part (at the time of filing):	99 CHF for one class
	75 CHF for each additional class
Second Part (at the time of registration):	328 CHF for each class

* CHF (in Swiss francs – Status on July 12, 2014)

- The Second Part of the individual fee must be paid within three months from the date of allowance under the present practice. It should be noted, however, that this three-month period can be extended to five months if a request for extension of time is made at WIPO with payment of a prescribed fee within two months after the three-month period.

- Failure to pay the Second Part of the individual fee would lead to the lapse of the Japanese part of the international application.

Generally, an applicant tends to fail to pay the Second Part of the individual fee. Therefore, it is recommended for an applicant to retain a Japanese patent attorney to monitor the status of the application.