

Fees for Filing Trademark Applications

I. GOVERNMENT FEE

A. Introduction

JPO accepts multi-class application, but only one trademark should be filed in one trademark application. The Government Fee will be different from the numbers of classification that you desire to designate for protection. There is no associated mark system, and no extra fee is needed even if the mark is not a word-mark. However, the fee is different depending on whether the mark is a normal trademark or a defensive mark.

B. Schedule of Fee

1. JPO Website

http://www.jpo.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 division after the registration JPY 30,000/petition
- Recording transfer (change of owner, not inheritance) JPY 30,000/trademark

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 trademark application with three designated classes.

At the time of filing

Basic Application Fee	JPY 3,400
Classification Fee	JPY 8,600 × 3 classes = <u>JPY 25,800</u>
Total	JPY 29,200

At the time of receiving "Grant of Registration"

(Please select either 5 or 10 years for the period of duration.)

1~10 years)	JPY 37,600 × 3 classes = JPY112,800
1~5 years)	JPY 21,900 × 3 classes = JPY65,700

※Fees for 6~10 years will be the same. Thus, payment by installments will cost higher than single ones.

Total government fee from application to registration

In the above case, it will be JPY 142,000 (single payment for registration fee), or JPY 94,900 (payment by two installments for registration fee;

however, it would become JPY 160,000 in total, for 10 years of protection.)

b. Petition for Renewal

Renewal fee is required to be paid when the renewal petition is lodged on JPO.

At the time of renewal filing

(Please select either 5 or 10 years for period of duration.)

1~10 years) JPY 48,500 × 3 classes = JPY145,500

1~5 years) JPY 28,300 × 3 classes = JPY84,900

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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.")"