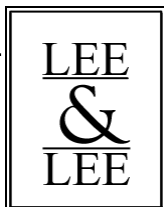


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IPOS to introduce fee changes with effect from 1 April 2017

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) has announced that it will be introducing a series of fee changes, from 1 April 2017. All fee revisions will be effective for applications/requests **made on or after 1 April 2017**.

These changes are ultimately intended to help drive innovation and creativity in Singapore, through supporting Singapore businesses and entrepreneurs by making IP protection more accessible and affordable. IP owners will also be encouraged to actively use their IP, or to consider releasing non-performing IPs to the public domain, rather than hoarding IP, which can stifle innovation.

For patents, there will be reductions to the search fees as well as search and examination fees. The search and examination fees, which are currently S\$2,600, will be reduced to S\$1,950. For PCT international applications which have entered the Singapore national phase, there will be a further discount of S\$300 for requesting search and examination if the international search report or international preliminary examination report had been established by IPOS. Fees for requesting a search report or supplementary search report, which are currently S\$1,925, will be reduced to S\$1,650.

For trade marks, application fees are reduced by 30% per class provided the specifications of goods and services filed utilize IPOS' pre-approved descriptions of goods and services. There are also fee reductions for Madrid international applications and transformation, which are currently S\$374 per class, to S\$341 per class, to align with national electronic filing fees.

Fees for requests to appoint, change or remove an agent for a matter relating to an IP, and requests to alter or correct name, address and other particulars, will be removed.

The other fee changes that IPOS will be implementing are listed as follows:

- New excess claim fee structure for patent applications (*i.e.* \$40 per claim in excess of 20 claims);
- Removal of fees for surrendering or cancelling IP;
- Increase in renewal fees for patents and trade marks. The fifty percent (50%) discount in renewal fees for patents under which licences are to be available as of right will however be continued.

A summary of the key fee revisions that have been announced by IPOS is provided in the table below:

Patents	2016	From 1 April 2017
Request for search report / supplementary search report	\$1,925	\$1,650
Request for search & examination report	\$2,600	\$1,950
Request for search & examination report where the International Search Report or International Preliminary Examination Report has been established by IPOS under the Patents Cooperation Treaty	\$2,600	\$1,650
Request for search & examination report – excess claim fee	NA	\$40 per claim in excess of 20 claims
Request for examination report – excess claim fee	NA	
Payment of fee for grant of patent – excess claim fee	\$20 per claim in excess of 25 claims	

Patents	2016	From 1 April 2017
Request for information relating to patent or application for patent	\$24 per request	\$0
Patents - Renewals		
From 8th - 10th year of the patent	\$270	\$370
From 11th - 13th year of the patent	\$350	\$520
From 14th - 16th year of the patent	\$490	\$670
From 17th - 19th year of the patent	\$600	\$820
From 20 th year of the patent	\$710	\$970
After 20 th year of the patent	\$950	\$1,200
Trade Marks	2016	From 1 April 2017
Application to register a trade mark, collective mark or certification mark <u>using the pre-approved list of goods and services</u>	\$341 per class of goods/services	\$240 per class of goods/services
Filing of transformation application in relation to international registration or subsequent designation cancelled at request of Office of Origin	\$374 per class of goods/services	\$341 per class of goods/services
Application for renewal of registration of a trade mark	\$250 per class of goods/services	\$380 per class of goods/services
Late application for renewal of registration of a trade mark	\$370 per class of goods/services	\$560 per class of goods/services
Application to restore a trade mark to the register	\$400 per class of goods/services	\$610 per class of goods/services
General		
Fees for surrendering/cancelling IPs	\$30	\$0

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