

# **SINGAPORE: PATENTS FORM AND FEE UPDATES**



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The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) recently announced a series of process changes and fee revisions for patents “to improve business-friendly and operational efficiency”. The changes and revisions are expected to be implemented in May 2022.

The key process changes and fee revisions are as follows:

### Process Changes

1. IPOS will remove the form and accompanying fees for the publication of international application in English.
2. The number of figures accompanying the abstract will be limited to no more than two.
3. The obligation to furnish prescribed documents will be removed in prescribed circumstances, thereby simplifying the patent prosecution process.
4. Examiners will issue a notice invitation to the applicant instead of a Written Opinion if they are in view that the minor amendments to the specification may allow the application to receive an eligibility for grant.
5. The examination will now be restricted to the first invention when there is more than one invention specified in the claims of the application.

### Fee Revisions

1. The Official Fees for the request for grant of patent, request for examination, payment of grant fee, payment of renewal fees, payment of additional fees and restoration fees, and request for entry into national phase will be increased.
2. The request to correct or rectify a person’s name or other particulars may be made by lodging Form CM4 and paying the accompanying requisite fee.
3. The procedures relating to application for registration of transactions will now be made via FormSG.

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