

ESAKI & ASSOCIATES

TORANOMON DENKI BLDG.
8-1, TORANOMON 2-CHOME,
MINATO-KU, TOKYO

FAX: 81-3-3503-9577

81-3-3503-0238

TEL: 81-3-3502-1476

E-mail: reception@esakipat.co.jp

K. ESAKI (Patent Attorney)
M. KAJISAWA (Patent Attorney)
M. KAWAHARA (Patent Attorney)
Y. OKUMURA (Patent Attorney)
Y. SAKUMA (Patent Attorney)
Y. KAMINISHI (Patent Attorney)
H. KAZAMA (Patent Attorney)
M. HAGIWARA (Patent Attorney)
T. TOMIYASU (Patent Attorney)
T. ARAGAKI (Patent Attorney)
Y. KOIZUMI (Patent Attorney)
Y. SEITA (Patent Attorney)

Tokyo, May 2008
Circular No. E-186

Reduction of Official Fees of the Japanese Patent Office

The Japanese Parliament has decided to lower the Official Fees for the filing of Patent and Trademark Applications, the Registration Fees for Patents, Trademarks and Trademark Renewals and the Annuities for Patents. Effective 1 June 2008 the fees are as follows (all numbers in JPY):

1. Application Fees

	Present	New
Patent Applications	16,000	15,000
Trademark Applications	6,000 + number of classes x 15,000	3,400 + number of classes x 8,600
Defensive Trademark Applications	12,000 + number of classes x 30,000	6,800 + number of classes x 17,200

2. Registration Fees/Annuities

Patents

(Applications filed after 1988, and applications for which a Request for Examination was filed **after** 1 April 2004)

Year	Present	New
1 – 3 (= Registration fee)	2,600 + number of claims x 200	2,300 + number of claims x 200
4 - 6	8,100 + number of claims x 600	7,100 + number of claims x 500
7 - 9	24,300 + number of claims x 1,900	21,400 + number of claims x 1,700
10 -	81,200 + number of claims x 6,400	61,600 + number of claims x 4,800

Patents

(Applications filed after 1988, and applications for which a Request for Examination was filed **before** 1 April 2004)

Year	Present	New
1 – 3 (=Registration fee)	13,000 + number of claims x 1,100	11,400 + number of claims x 1,000
4 - 6	20,300 + number of claims x 1,600	17,900 + number of claims x 1,400
7 - 9	40,600 + number of claims x 3,200	35,800 + number of claims x 2,800
10 -	81,200 + number of claims x 6,400	71,600 + number of claims x 5,600

Trademarks

	Present	New
for 10 years	number of classes x 66,000	number of classes x 37,600
installment (5 years)	number of classes x 44,000	number of classes x 21,900
Defensive Trademarks (10 years)	number of classes x 66,000	number of classes x 37,600

3. Registration Fees for Trademark Renewals

	Present	New
for 10 years	number of classes x 151,000	number of classes x 48,500
installment (5 years)	number of classes x 101,000	number of classes x 28,300
Defensive Trademarks (10 years)	number of classes x 130,000	number of classes x 41,800

The new provision is valid for all Official Fees paid from 1 June 2008 on.