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<b>EPO Official fee</b>	<b>Fee (EUR - €) until 1.4.2008</b>	<b>Fee (EUR - €) on or after 1.4.2008</b>
Filing fee – Online filing	95	100
Filing fee – Paper filing	170	180
Search fee for an application filed on or after 1.7.2005	1000	1050
Search fee on an application filed before 1.7.2005 (for Euro-PCT applications)	720	760
Fee for international search	1615	1700
Designation fee for each Contracting State (max. seven fees to designate all States)	80	85
Renewal fees:-		
for the 3rd year	400	400
for the 4th year	425	500
for the 5th year	450	700
for the 6th year	745	900
for the 7th year	770	1000
for the 8th year	800	1100
for the 9th year	1010	1200
for the 10th and each subsequent year	1065	1350
Fine for late payment of a renewal fee	10% of the late fee	50% of the late fee
Examination fee for an application filed before 1 July 2005 (Euro-PCT)	1490	1565
Examination fee for an application filed on or after 1 July 2005	1335	1405
Fee for grant and fee for printing the European patent specification	750 plus €11 for the 36th and each subsequent page	790 plus €12 for the 36th and each subsequent page
Opposition fee	635	670
Fee for request for limitation	1000	1000
Fee for request for revocation	450	450
Fee for appeal	1065	1120
Fee for petition for appeal review by Enlarged Board of Appeal	2500	2500
Fee for further processing in the event of late payment of a fee	50% of the relevant fee	50% of the relevant fee
Fee for further processing in other cases	210	210
Fee for re-establishment of rights	550	550
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	200	200
Claims fee for the 16th (until 1.4.2008, the 11th) and each subsequent claim	45	200
Transmittal fee for an international application (Rule 157, paragraph 4)	105	110
Fee for the preliminary examination of an international application	1595	1675

## Preliminary Notice

New levels of EPO Official Fees will apply from 1 April 2008

New levels will apply to many EPO official fees paid on or after 1 April 2008. In the table on the left the present and new levels of the main EPO fees are summarized. A more detailed list of new fee levels can be found at: -

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/decisions/archive/14122007.html>

Some fee levels will remain unchanged, but in general, for the fees affected by changes, the new levels applying to payments on or after 1 April 2008 are around 5% higher than the present levels.

However, for EPO renewal fees more significant increases will apply from 1 April 2008 for the 4th and subsequent years, as indicated in the table. Further, the fine or surcharge for late payment of a renewal fee will be increased to 50% of the renewal fee concerned.

Another significant change relates to the so-called "claims fee". From 1 April 2008, this "claims fee" will be €200 for every claim beyond the 15th claim (at present the "claims fee" is €45 for every claim beyond the 10th claim). Clearly this will significantly increase the cost of European patent applications which include many claims.

At the same time as announcing the official fee changes which will apply to fees paid on or after 1 April 2008, the EPO also announced further changes to selected fees which will apply to fees paid on or after 1 April 2009. These 2009 fee changes are summarized in the table below.

More information can be found at: -

<http://www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/decisions/archive/14122007a.html>

<b>EPO Official fee</b>	<b>Fee (EUR - €) on or after 1.4.2008</b>	<b>Fee (EUR - €) on or after 1.4.2009</b>
<b>Filing fees</b>		
Filing fee – Online filing	100	100*
Filing fee – Paper filing	180	180*
Additional fee for a European patent application comprising more than 35 pages (not counting pages forming part of a sequence listing)	- Not applicable – No page fee	€12 for the 36th and each subsequent page
<b>Designation fees</b>		
Designation fee for each Contracting State (max. seven fees – EUR 595 to designate all States)	85	-
Unitary Designation fee for any number of States	-	500
<b>Grant Fees</b>		
Fee for grant and fee for printing the European patent specification	790 plus €12 for the 36th and each subsequent page	790*
<b>Claims Fees</b>		
Claims fee for the 16th and each subsequent claim	200	200
Claims fee for the 51st and each subsequent claim	200	500
* the EPO has not announced any 2009 change to these basic fee levels		

The fee changes announced for 1 April 2009 will further increase the cost of those European patent applications which include over 50 claims, potentially very significantly since a fee of €500 per additional claim over 50 claims will apply.

The fee changes will also mean that the "page fee", previously payable only on allowance for applications more than 35 pages long, will be charged on initial filing.

Further, the fee changes will mean that a unitary designation fee of €500 will be payable, which will cover any number of contracting states of the European patent system. The present system of payment of individual designation fees for each designated contracting state (subject to a maximum payment of seven designation fees) will no longer apply.

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