

The European Patent Team – Client Bulletin

EPO Fee Increase from 1 April 2006

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The European Patent Office has announced increases to some of its fees. The increases will apply to fee payments made on or after 1 April 2006.

The table lists the main fees affected by the increases.

Overall, the general level of increase of the fees affected is just over 5%, most individual fees increasing by between 4 and 5%, the greatest percentage increase (12.5%) applying to the excess claims fee.

On filing a new European patent application, paying the basic fees (filing and search fees), the increase amounts to 4.5%. If excess claims fees for ten claims are also to be paid, the increase is 7.2%.

On entry of a Euro-PCT application into the European phase, paying the basic fees (filing and search fees, designation fees, examination fee, year 3 renewal fee), the increase amounts to around 4.8%, depending on the details of the fees due for payment. If excess claims fees for ten claims are also to be paid, the increase is around 5.7%.

Early action to avoid the fee increases?

In some circumstances it may be possible and reasonable to take early action (e.g. file applications early, enter the European phase early, pay basic fees and/or other fees early) to avoid the fee increases. This may not be reasonable or possible in all cases.

In general, it would not be appropriate for Haseltine Lake to take action which would incur early charges unless we have specific authority and instructions from our clients to do so.

Please contact us immediately if you may be affected by the EPO fee increases, and wish to consider whether early action/fee payment is appropriate.

Fee	Present Fee (EUR)	New Fee (EUR) <i>From 1 April 2006</i>	% inc
Filing Fee (online)	90	95	5.56
Filing Fee (paper)	160	170	6.25
Excess claims fee, for claims over ten, per claim	40	45	12.50
Search fee (application filed before 1.7.2005) ¹	690	720	4.35
Search fee (application filed on or after 1.7.2005) ¹	960	1000	4.17
Designation fee (per country, up to a maximum of seven fees)	75	80	6.67
Examination fee (application filed before 1.7.2005) ¹	1430	1490	4.20
Examination fee (application filed on or after 1.7.2005) ¹	1280	1335	4.30
Grant and Printing fee	715	750	4.90
Additional printing fee for pages over 35, per page	10	11	10.00
Renewal Fees			
Year 3	380	400	5.26
Year 4	405	425	4.94
Year 5	430	450	4.65
Year 6	715	745	4.20
Year 7	740	770	4.05
Year 8	765	800	4.58
Year 9	970	1010	4.12
Year 10 etc	1020	1065	4.41
Fee for further processing	200	210	5.50
Fee for re-establishment	350	365	4.29
Opposition Fee	610	635	4.10
Appeal fee	1020	1065	4.41
PCT Transmittal fee	100	105	5.00
PCT Search fee	1550	1615	4.19
PCT Preliminary Examination fee	1530	1595	4.25

¹ For a Euro-PCT application, the relevant date is the original PCT filing date



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