

Small Entity Compliance Guide

Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees

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Section 10 of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (AIA) authorizes the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "USPTO" or "the Office") to set or adjust by rule any patent fee established, authorized, or charged under Title 35, United States Code (U.S.C.) for any services performed by, or materials furnished by, the Office. Section 10 prescribes that fees may be set or adjusted only to recover the aggregate estimated costs to the Office for processing, activities, services, and materials relating to patents, including administrative costs to the Office. The Office sets 351 patent fees under section 10 of the AIA in the final rule, "Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees", 78 FR 4212 (Jan. 18, 2013). Of these 351 fees, 93 apply to large entities (any reference herein to "large entity" includes all entities other than small or micro entities), 94 apply to small entities, 93 apply to micro entities, and 71 are not entity-specific.

The Office prepared this Compliance Guide in accordance with the requirements of section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-121). The Office intends this Guide to serve as an introduction to the provisions of the final rule and more specifically the changes in patent fees most relevant to small entities (as defined in 37 CFR 1.27) and micro entities (as defined in 37 CFR 1.29), including independent patent applicants and holders.

This Guide is organized as follows:

- 1) Definitions
- 2) Fee Changes
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- 5) Effective Dates

This Guide does not supersede the final rule or any existing regulations or guidance issued in other agency regulations. The final rule remains the official record of the Office's section 10 fee and procedural changes. For the full text of the final rule, *see* 78 FR 4212 (Jan. 18, 2013).

Definitions

The section 10 final rule does not alter the definition of a small entity established prior to the enactment of the AIA nor does it alter the definition of a micro entity established in the AIA. An overview of each definition is presented below.

Small Entity

The Office's definition of a small entity for the purpose of paying small entity patent fees is established in 37 CFR 1.27, which is entitled "Definition of small entities and establishing status as a small entity to permit payment of small entity fees; when a determination of entitlement to small entity status and notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status are required; fraud on the Office." Any party (person, small business concern who meets the size standard in 13 CFR 121.801 through 13 CFR 121.805, or nonprofit organization) who is entitled to small entity status in accordance with the definitions set forth in 37 CFR 1.27(a) is entitled to a 50 percent discount on eligible fees. For the purpose of paying reduced fees under the authority of section 10, this definition does not change.

Micro Entity

The Office's definition of a micro entity for the purpose of paying micro entity patent fees was created by section 10(g) of the AIA. 125 Stat. at 318-19; see also 35 U.S.C. 123. The definition of micro entity established in the AIA includes limitations based on the number of previously filed applications, gross income, and ownership interests, as well as a separate provision concerning institutions of higher education. For the purpose of paying reduced fees under the authority of section 10, the final rule primarily tracks the eligibility requirements set forth in the law. In a separate final rule, the Office set forth rules of practice pertaining to how an applicant can qualify for micro entity discounts. (*See* Changes to Implement Micro Entity Status for Paying Patent Fees, 77 FR 75019 (Dec. 19, 2012)).

Fee Reductions

Small Entities: The AIA provides that fees set or adjusted under section 10(a) "for filing, searching, examining, issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents shall be reduced by 50 percent" with respect to the application of such fees to any "small entity" (as defined in 37 CFR 1.27) that qualifies for reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. 41(h)(1). 125 Stat. at 316-17. 35 U.S.C. 41(h)(1), in turn, provides that certain patent fees "shall be reduced by 50 percent" for a small business concern as defined in section 3 of the SBA, and to any independent inventor or nonprofit organization as defined in regulations described by the Director. Of the 94 small entity fees in the section 10 final rule, 85 are adjusted, 5 are set at existing fee amounts, and 4 new small entity fees were first proposed in the section 10 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

Micro Entities: Section 10(b) of the Act provides that the fees set or adjusted under section 10(a) "for filing, searching, examining, issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents shall be reduced . . . by 75 percent with respect to the application of such fees to any micro entity as defined by [new 35 U.S.C.] 123." 125 Stat. at 315-17. There are 93 new micro entity fees first proposed in the NPRM that are set at a reduction of 75 percent from the large entity fee amounts.

Fee Changes

The section 10 final rule sets or adjusts patent fees consistent with section 10 authority and the Office's rulemaking goals. The final rule does not implement any changes to the process of paying fees, nor does it introduce any new regulations by which entities eligible for fee reductions must comply.

See the Table of Patent Fee Changes appended to this Guide for the full list of current and prior fee amounts as well as the dollar change and percent change in large entity fees. The table lists "Current Fees" for both large and small entities and the "Final Fee Schedule" set in the final rule.

This section of the Guide offers an overview of both new and restructured fee changes as well as a specific discussion of changes for small and micro entities.

New and Restructured Fees

The section 10 final rule creates several new fees, alters the structure of some existing fees, and revises fees for proceedings created by the AIA (e.g., *inter partes* reviews and post-grant reviews). An overview of the new fees that the section 10 final rule creates is below.

Patent Examination Fees

• Correct inventorship after first action on the merits: The final rule sets a new fee (\$600 large/\$300 small/\$150 micro) to accompany a request to correct or change the inventorship filed after an Office action on the merits, unless the request is accompanied by a statement that the request to correct or change the inventorship is due solely to the cancellation of claims in the application.

Request for Continuing Examination Fees

• Request for continued examination (RCE) (2nd and subsequent): In the current fee schedule, the RCE fee (Fee Codes 1801 and 2801) is \$930 for a large entity (\$465 for a small entity) regardless of how many RCEs have already been filed for any single patent application. In the final rule, the Office divides the fee for RCEs into two parts: (1) a lower fee for a first RCE (\$1,200 large/\$600 small/\$300 micro; Fee Codes 1801/2801/3801); and (2) a second, higher fee for a second or subsequent RCE (\$1,700 large/\$850 small/\$425 micro).

Patent Appeal Fees

• Appeal Fees: The final rule alters the structure for appeal fees into a multipart and staged approach. Currently, appeal fees are set at \$630 (large entity) and \$315 (small entity) for filing a notice of appeal (Fee Codes 1401 and 2401), \$630 (large entity) and \$315 (small entity) for filing a brief in support of an appeal in an application or *ex parte* reexamination proceeding when filing a brief (Fee Codes 1402 and 2402), and \$1,260 to request an oral hearing (Fee Codes 1403 and 2403). In the final rule, the Office sets four fees (including a \$0 fee): (1) notice of appeal (\$800 large/\$400 small/\$200 micro; Fee Codes 1401, 2401, and 3401); (2) filing a brief in support of an appeal in an application or *ex parte* reexamination proceeding when filing a brief (\$0 large/\$0 small/\$0 micro; Fee Codes 1402, 2402, and 3402); (3) a new fee for forwarding an appeal in an

application or *ex parte* reexamination proceeding to the board (\$2,000 large/\$1,000 small/\$500 micro); and (4) request for oral hearing (\$1,300 large/\$650 small/\$325 micro).

• Filing a brief in support of an appeal in an *inter partes* reexamination proceeding: The final rule sets this fee at \$2,000 for large entities and sets small and micro entity fees as well (\$1,000 and \$500 respectively).

Patent Assignment Fees

• Recording each patent assignment, agreement or other paper, per property if submitted electronically: In the final rule, the Office sets two fees for recording an assignment. When an assignment is submitted using the Office's electronic system, the fee is \$0 (effective January 1, 2014). When an assignment is sent to the Office in a manner other than using the Office's electronic system, the fee is \$40 (the current amount). This fee is not eligible for small or micro entity discounts.

New AIA Contested Case Fees

- Inter partes review request fee, inter partes review post-institution fee, inter partes review request of each claim in excess of 20, and inter partes post-institution request of each claim in excess of 15: Inter partes review is a new trial proceeding created by the AIA with an effective date of September 16, 2012 (see Changes to Implement Inter Partes Review Proceedings, Post-Grant Review Proceedings, and Transitional Program for Covered Business Method Patents 77 FR 48680 (Aug. 14, 2012). In the section 10 final rule, the Office sets four separate fees for inter partes review that are not entity-specific. These fees are not eligible for small or micro entity discounts under section 10(b).
- Post-grant or covered business method patent review request, post-grant or covered business method patent review post institution, post-grant or covered business method patent review request of each claim in excess of 20, and post-grant or covered business method patent review post-institution request of each claim in excess of 15: Post-grant review is a new trial proceeding created by the AIA with an effective date of September 16, 2012 (see Changes to Implement Inter Partes Review Proceedings, Post-Grant Review Proceedings, and Transitional Program for Covered Business Method Patents, 77 FR 48680 (Aug. 14, 2012)). In the section 10 final rule, the Office sets four separate fees for post-grant review. These fees are not eligible for small or micro entity discounts under section 10(b).

Small and Micro Entity Fee Changes

As noted above, all fees set or adjusted in the section 10 final rule are included in the Table of Patent Fee Changes appended to this Guide. The table lists "Current Fees" for both large and small entities and the "Final Fee Schedule" set in the final rule. All newly set small entity fees include a notation of "N/A" in the "Current Fees" column for "Small" and a fee amount in the "Final Fee Schedule," "Small" column. All micro entity fees are new. For the purpose of discussing dollar and percent fee changes, the Office compares the fees for micro entities to

current fees for small entities where available or to current fees for large entities where no discounts were previously offered. Increases and decreases are summarized below.

- New Fee Discounts: Currently, the small entity discount is only available for statutory fees provided under sections 41(a) and 41(b). Section 10(b) extends the discount to some fees that were not previously eligible for fee reductions under sections 41(a) and 41(b). These newly reduced fees include: Fee Codes 1053/2053/3053 for Non-English specification; Fee Codes 1557/2557/3557 for surcharge after expiration late payment is unavoidable and 1558/2558/3558 for surcharge after expiration late payment is unintentional; Fee Code 1812 for request for *ex parte* reexamination and refused request for *ex parte* reexamination; several miscellaneous patent fees; several patent petition fees; and several Patent Cooperative Treaty (PCT) international stage fees. Nearly all fees that were previously eligible for small entity fee reductions are eligible for micro entity fee reductions (*see* discussion below of Statutory Disclaimer), and all fees that are newly eligible for small entity discounts are also eligible for micro entity discounts.
- <u>Fee Decreases</u>: Of the 85 small entity fees that the final rule adjusts, 41 (48 percent) of them decrease. Of the 87 micro entity fees set in the section 10 final rule, all but six of them (93 percent) decrease relative to what a micro entity would have paid as a small entity (if such fee reductions were available) or as a large entity. Some of these decreases are the result of the new fee discounts available to small and micro entities that are identified above. Others are the result of the Office's decision to lower certain fees.
 - o Fee Code 2011 "Basic filing fee Utility," is currently set at \$195. Under the final rule, this fee is \$140. However, applicants should note that filing, search, and examination fees must be paid in total at the time of filing. While the basic filing fee decreases under the final rule, the total filing fees (i.e., filing, search, and examination) increase. The net result of the changes to these three components is a 27 percent increase for large and small entities in the total filing, search, and examination fees for a utility application. By contrast, eligible micro entity applicants will see a 37 percent decrease in total filing fees for a utility application. Overall, once effective, the total fees paid by small entities to obtain a basic patent (i.e., filing, search, examination, publication, and issue) decreases when compared to the total fees paid for the same services under the current fee schedule. This decrease is substantial (23 percent) from application through issue. For micro entities, the decrease is even more substantial—62 percent from application through issue.
 - o The request for prioritized examination is another notable fee decrease. In the section 10 final rule, the fee decreases from \$2,400 for small entities to \$2,000 for small entities and \$1,000 for micro entities.
 - o The administrative trial fees are ineligible for small and micro entity discounts under section 10(b) of the AIA; however, the section 10 final rule reduced these non-entity specific fees when compared to the fees set when these services were introduced under a separate rule. *See* Changes to Implement *Inter Partes* Review

Proceedings, Post-Grant Review Proceedings, and Transitional Program for Covered Business Method Patents 77 FR 48680 (Aug. 14, 2012).

• <u>Fee Increases:</u> Of the 85 small entity fees that the final rule adjusts, 44 (52 percent) of them increase. Of the 87 micro entity fees set in the section 10 final rule, six (7 percent) of them increase relative to what a micro entity would have paid as a small entity (if such fee reductions were available) or as a large entity.

Notable fee increases for small and micro entities include:

- Examination fees including the examination fees for utility, design, plant, and reissue applications and the PCT National Stage examination fees increase for both small and micro entities under the section 10 final fee schedule. For example, Fee Code 2311 "Utility Examination Fee", increases from \$125 for small entities in the current fee schedule to \$360 for small entities and \$180 for micro entities in the final rule. As noted above, filing, search, and examination fees must be paid together at filing, so the increased examination fee, when coupled with decreased filing and search fees, results in a 27 percent total increase for small entities but a 37 percent total decrease for micro entities. Despite the increased examination fee, the total fees paid through issue for a basic patent decrease by 23 percent for small entities and 62 percent for micro entities.
- Other notable increases to existing fees include Fee Code 2801 "Request for continued examination"; maintenance fees at every stage (Fee Codes 2551, 2552, and 2553); and excess claims fees (Fee Codes 2201, 2202, and 2203).
- One fee that is currently eligible for a small entity discount will lose that eligibility under the section 10 final rule. This is the fee for statutory disclaimer (Fee Codes 1814 and 2814). Under the authority of section 10(b) of the AIA, this fee is no longer eligible for a small entity discount, so all entities will pay the same fee, \$160.

How to Pay Fees

As noted above, the section 10 final rule does not change the way that an applicant or other patent stakeholder pays patent fees to the USPTO.

Any fee amount adjusted by the final rule that is paid on or after the effective date of the fee adjustment enacted by the final rule is subject to the new fees in effect. The amount of the fee to be paid for a given item will be determined by the time of filing of that item with the Office. The time of filing will be determined either according to the date of receipt in the Office (37 CFR 1.6) or the date reflected on a proper Certificate of Mailing or Transmission, where such a certificate is authorized under 37 CFR 1.8. Use of a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission is not authorized for items that are specifically excluded from the provisions of 37 CFR 1.8. Items for which a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 is not authorized include, for example, filing of national and international applications for patents. *See* 37 CFR 1.8(a)(2).

Patent-related correspondence delivered by the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service (USPS) is considered filed or received in the USPTO on the

date of deposit with the USPS. See 37 CFR 1.10(a)(1). The date of deposit with the USPS is shown by the "date-in" on the "Express Mail" mailing label or other official USPS notation.

Applicants should continue to follow the guidance issued by the USPTO concerning fee payment processes and procedures. *See* the USPTO websites listed under "Available Resources" for more information.

Effective Dates

The fees set in the section 10 final rule are effective on March 19, 2013, except for changes to the following fees, which will be effective on January 1, 2014: sections 1.18(a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), and (d)(1) (patent issue and publication fees); section 1.21(h)(1) (fee for recording a patent assignment electronically); sections 1.482(a)(1)(i)(A), (a)(1)(ii)(A), and (a)(2)(i) (international application filing, processing and search fees); and fees included in sections 1.445(a)(1)(i)(A), (a)(2)(i), (a)(3)(i), and (a)(4)(i) (international application transmittal and search fees).

Available Resources

Changes to Implement Micro Entity Status for Paying Patent Fees, 77 FR 75019 (Dec. 19, 2012).

Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees, 78 FR 4212 (Jan. 18, 2013).

USPTO, Fees and Payments Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), available at http://www.uspto.gov/main/faq/index_feefaq.html.

USPTO, How to Pay Fees Guide, available at http://www.uspto.gov/main/howtofees.htm.

USPTO, Inventor Resources, available at http://www.uspto.gov/inventors/index.jsp.

- USPTO, Leahy-Smith America Invents Act Implementation Information, "Fees and Budgetary Issues," available at http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/fees.jsp.
- USPTO, Small Business Education Campaign, available at http://www.uspto.gov/smallbusiness/about/.
- USPTO, USPTO Fee Information, available at http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp.

Appendix A

USPTO Section 10 Fee Setting – Table of Patent Fee Changes

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| USPTO | | Current | Fees | Fina | l Fee Sched | ule | Change in L Fe | | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | (a) Change in Large |
| Large/Small Fee Codes | Description | Large | Small | Large | Small | Micro | Dollar Change | Percent Change | | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Entity Fees is >5% AND >\$10 |
| Patent Application | n Filing Fees | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1011/2011/3011 | Basic filing fee - Utility | 390.00 | 195.00 | 280.00 | 140.00 | 70.00 | -110.00 | -28% | 241.00 | 243.00 | 234.00 | Yes |
| 4011 | Basic filing fee - Utility (electronic filing for small entities) | N/A | 98.00 | N/A | 70.00 | N/A | -28.00 | -29% | 241.00 | 243.00 | 234.00 | Yes |
| 1051/2051/3051 | Surcharge - Late filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration | 130.00 | 65.00 | 140.00 | 70.00 | 35.00 | 10.00 | 8% | | (d) | | |
| 1012/2012/3012 | Basic filing fee - Design | 250.00 | 125.00 | 180.00 | 90.00 | 45.00 | -70.00 | -28% | 241.00 | 243.00 | 234.00 | Yes |
| 1017/2017/3017 | Basic filing fee - Design (CPA) | 250.00 | 125.00 | 180.00 | 90.00 | 45.00 | -70.00 | -28% | 728.00 | 632.00 | 715.00 | Yes |
| 1013/2013/3013 | Basic filing fee - Plant | 250.00 | 125.00 | 180.00 | 90.00 | 45.00 | -70.00 | -28% | 241.00 | 243.00 | 234.00 | Yes |
| 1014/2014/3014 | Basic filing fee - Reissue | 390.00 | 195.00 | 280.00 | 140.00 | 70.00 | -110.00 | -28% | 239.00 | 242.00 | 233.00 | Yes |
| 1019/2019/3019 | Basic filing fee - Design Reissue (CPA) | 390.00 | 195.00 | 280.00 | 140.00 | 70.00 | -110.00 | -28% | 728.00 | 632.00 | 715.00 | Yes |
| 1005/2005/3005 | Provisional application filing fee | 250.00 | 125.00 | 260.00 | 130.00 | 65.00 | 10.00 | 4% | 126.00 | 122.00 | 124.00 | |
| 1052/2052/3052 | Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | 50.00 | 25.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 | 10.00 | 20% | | (d) | | |
| 1631/2631/3631 | Basic National Stage Fee | 390.00 | 195.00 | 280.00 | 140.00 | 70.00 | -110.00 | -28% | 322.00 | 355.00 | 331.00 | Yes |
| 1053/2053/3053 | Non-English specification | 130.00 | N/A | 140.00 | 70.00 | 35.00 | 10.00 | 8% | | (d) | | |
| Patent Search Fee | es | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1111/2111/3111 | Utility Search Fee | 620.00 | 310.00 | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | -20.00 | -3% | 1,520.00 | 1,694.00 | 1,521.00 | |
| 1112/2112/3112 | Design Search Fee | 120.00 | 60.00 | 120.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 307.00 | 448.00 | 430.00 | |
| 1113/2113/3113 | Plant Search Fee | 380.00 | 190.00 | 380.00 | 190.00 | 95.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 1,520.00 | 1,694.00 | 1,521.00 | |
| 1114/2114/3114 | Reissue Search Fee | 620.00 | 310.00 | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | -20.00 | -3% | 1,523.00 | 1,694.00 | 1,521.00 | |
| 1640/2640/3640 | National Stage Search Fee - U.S. was the ISA or IPEA and all claims satisfy PCT Article 33(1)-(4) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 300.00 | 277.00 | 305.00 | |
| 1641/2641/3641 | National Stage Search Fee - U.S. was the ISA | 120.00 | 60.00 | 120.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 300.00 | 277.00 | 305.00 | |
| 1642/2642/3642 | National Stage Search Fee - search report prepared and provided to USPTO | 500.00 | 250.00 | 480.00 | 240.00 | 120.00 | -20.00 | -4% | 1,523.00 | 1,694.00 | 1,521.00 | |
| 1632/2632/3632 | National Stage Search Fee - all other situations | 630.00 | 315.00 | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | -30.00 | -5% | 1,523.00 | 1,694.00 | 1,521.00 | |
| Patent Examination | on Fees | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1311/2311/3311 | Utility Examination Fee | 250.00 | 125.00 | 720.00 | 360.00 | 180.00 | 470.00 | 188% | 1,904.00 | 1,969.00 | 1,814.00 | Yes |
| 1312/2312/3312 | Design Examination Fee | 160.00 | 80.00 | 460.00 | 230.00 | 115.00 | 300.00 | 188% | 586.00 | 517.00 | 587.00 | Yes |
| 1313/2313/3313 | Plant Examination Fee | 200.00 | 100.00 | 580.00 | 290.00 | 145.00 | 380.00 | 190% | 1,904.00 | 1,969.00 | 1,814.00 | Yes |
| 1314/2314/3314 | Reissue Examination Fee | 760.00 | 380.00 | 2,160.00 | 1080.00 | 540.00 | 1,400.00 | 184% | 1,906.00 | 1,969.00 | 1,814.00 | Yes |
| 1643/2643/3643 | National Stage Examination Fee - U.S. was the ISA or IPEA and all claims satisfy PCT Article 33(1)-(4) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 1,906.00 | 1,969.00 | 1,814.00 | |
| 1633/2633/3633 | National Stage Examination Fee - all other situations | 250.00 | 125.00 | 720.00 | 360.00 | 180.00 | 470.00 | 188% | 1,906.00 | 1,969.00 | 1,814.00 | Yes |
| NEW | Correct Inventorship After First Action on the Merits | N/A | N/A | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | N/A | N/A | | (d) | | Yes |
| Request for Conti | nuing Examination Fees | , | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1801/2801/3801 | Request for continued examination (RCE) (1st Request) (see 37 CFR 1.114) | 930.00 | 465.00 | 1,200.00 | 600.00 | 300.00 | 270.00 | 29% | 1,881.00 | 1,696.00 | 2,070.00 | Yes |
| NEW | Request for continued examination (RCE) (2nd and subsequent) | N/A | N/A | 1,700.00 | 850.00 | 425.00 | N/A | N/A | 1,881.00 | 1,696.00 | 2,070.00 | Yes |
| Track I Fees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1817/2817/3817 | Request for prioritized examination | 4,800.00 | 2,400.00 | 4,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | -800.00 | -17% | | (c) | | Yes |

| | | | USPT | O Patent F | ees | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|----------|------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| USPTO | B | Current | Fees | Fina | I Fee Sched | ule | Change in L Fe | | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | (a) Change in Large |
| Large/Small Fee Codes | Description | Large | Small | Large | Small | Micro | Dollar Change | Percent Change | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Entity Fees is >5% AND >\$10 |
| Pre-Grant Publica | ition Fees | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1504 | Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication - Through 12/31/2013 | 300.00 | N/A | 300.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 243.00 | 158.00 | 181.00 | |
| 1504 | Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication - Effective 1/1/2014 | 300.00 | N/A | 0.00 | N/A | N/A | -300.00 | -100% | 243.00 | 158.00 | 181.00 | Yes |
| 1505 | Publication fee for republication | 300.00 | N/A | 300.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 80.00 | 122.00 | 146.00 | |
| Issue Fees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1501/2501/3501 | Utility issue fee - Through 12/31/2013 | 1,770.00 | 885.00 | 1,780.00 | 890.00 | 445.00 | | 1% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | ., |
| 1501/2501/3501 | Utility issue fee - Effective 1/1/2014 | 1,770.00 | 885.00 | 960.00 | 480.00 | 240.00 | | -46% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | Yes |
| 1502/2502/3502 | Design issue fee - Through 12/31/2013 | 1,010.00 | 505.00 | 1,020.00 | 510.00 | 255.00 | | 1% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | Vaa |
| 1502/2502/3502 | Design issue fee - Effective 1/1/2014 | 1,010.00 | 505.00 | 560.00 | 280.00 | 140.00 | | -45% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | Yes |
| 1503/2503/3503 | Plant issue fee - Through 12/31/2013 | 1,390.00 | 695.00 | 1,400.00 | 700.00 | 350.00 | | 1% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | |
| 1503/2503/3503 | Plant issue fee - Effective 1/1/2014 | 1,390.00 | 695.00 | 760.00 | 380.00 | 190.00 | | -45% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | Yes |
| 1511/2511/3511 | Reissue issue fee - Through 12/31/2013 | 1,770.00 | 885.00 | 1,780.00 | 890.00 | 445.00 | | 1% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | |
| 1511/2511/3511 | Reissue issue fee - Effective 1/1/2014 | 1,770.00 | 885.00 | 960.00 | 480.00 | 240.00 | -810.00 | -46% | 224.00 | 231.00 | 257.00 | Yes |
| Patent Maintenan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Due at 3.5 years | 1,150.00 | 575.00 | 1,600.00 | 800.00 | 400.00 | | 39% | 2.00 | | (d) | Yes |
| | Due at 7.5 years | 2,900.00 | 1,450.00 | 3,600.00 | 1,800.00 | 900.00 | | 24% | 2.00 | 1.00 | (d) | Yes |
| | Due at 11.5 years | 4,810.00 | 2,405.00 | 7,400.00 | 3,700.00 | 1,850.00 | - | 54% | 2.00 | 1.00 | (d) | Yes |
| 1554/2554/3554 | Surcharge - 3.5 year - Late payment within 6 months | 150.00 | 75.00 | 160.00 | 80.00 | 40.00 | | 7% | | (d) | | |
| 1555/2555/3555 | Surcharge - 7.5 year - Late payment within 6 months | 150.00 | 75.00 | 160.00 | 80.00 | 40.00 | | 7% | | (d) | | |
| 1556/2556/3556 | Surcharge - 11.5 year - Late payment within 6 months | 150.00 | 75.00 | 160.00 | 80.00 | 40.00 | | 7% | | (d) | | |
| 1557/2557/3557 | Surcharge after expiration - Late payment is unavoidable | 700.00 | N/A | 700.00 | 350.00 | 175.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1558/2558/3558 | Surcharge after expiration - Late payment is unintentional | 1,640.00 | N/A | 1,640.00 | 820.00 | 410.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| Patent Appeals/In | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1405 | Petitions to the Chief Administrative Patent Judge under 37 CFR 41.3 | 400.00 | N/A | 400.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 312.00 | |
| 1401/2401/3401 | Notice of appeal | 630.00 | 315.00 | 800.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 170.00 | 27% | | | | Yes |
| 1402/2402/3402 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | 630.00 | 315.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -630.00 | -100% | 5,008.00 | 4,960.00 | 4,799.00 | Yes |
| NEW | Forwarding an appeal in an application or ex parte reexamination proceeding to the Board | N/A | N/A | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 500.00 | 2,000.00 | 100% | | | | Yes |
| NEW | Filing a brief in support of an appeal in an inter partes reexamination proceeding | N/A | N/A | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 500.00 | , | 100% | | (c) | | Yes |
| 1403/2403/3403 | Request for oral hearing | 1,260.00 | 630.00 | 1,300.00 | 650.00 | 325.00 | | 3% | 203.00 | | 358.00 | |
| 1406 | Petition for Inter Partes Review up to 20 claims | 27,200.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | - | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | Inter Partes Review Request Fee | N/A | N/A | 9,000.00 | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | Inter Partes Review Post-Institution Fee | N/A | N/A | 14,000.00 | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | (c) | | |
| | Subtotal, Inter Partes Review | 27,200.00 | N/A | 23,000.00 | N/A | N/A | -4,200.00 | -15% | | (c) | | Yes |
| 1407 | Petition for Inter Partes Review, for each claim in excess of 20 | 600.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | Inter Partes Review Request of Each Claim in excess of 20 | N/A | N/A | 200.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | Inter Partes Post-Institution Request of Each Claim in excess of 15 | N/A | N/A | 400.00 | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | (c) | | |
| | Subtotal, Inter Partes Review, per claim fee | 600.00 | N/A | 600.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (c) | | |

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| USPTO | Description | Current | Fees | Fina | al Fee Sched | ule | Change in L Fe | | FY 2009 | Y 2009 FY 2010 FY 2011 | | (a) Change in Large |
| Large/Small Fee Codes | Description | Large | Small | Large | Small | Micro | Dollar Change | Percent Change | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Entity Fees is >5% AND >\$10 |
| 1408 | Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review up to 20 claims | 35,800.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review Request | N/A | N/A | 12,000.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review Post Institution | N/A | N/A | 18,000.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (c) | | |
| | Subtotal, Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review | 35,800.00 | N/A | 30,000.00 | N/A | N/A | -5,800.00 | -16% | | (c) | | Yes |
| 1409 | Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review, for each claim in excess of 20 Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review Request | 800.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | of Each Claim in excess of 20 Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review Request | N/A | N/A | 250.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (c) | | |
| NEW | Institution Request of Each Claim in excess of 15 Subtotal, Post Grant of Covered Business Method Patent Review, | N/A | N/A | 550.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (c) | _ | |
| | per claim fee | 800.00 | N/A | 800.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (c) | | |
| XXXX | Derivation Petition | 400.00 | N/A | 400.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (c) | | |
| 1411 Re-exam Ex Parte | Request to make settlement agreement available | 400.00 | N/A | 400.00 | N/A | N/A | 400.00 | 100% | | (c) | | Yes |
| 1812 | Request for ex parte reexamination | 17,750.00 | N/A | 12,000.00 | 6,000.00 | 3,000.00 | -5,750.00 | -320/- | 17 162 00 | 16,648.00 | 19,626.00 | Yes |
| 1812 | Refused request for ex parte reexamination | 4,320.00 | N/A | 3,600.00 | 1.800.00 | 900.00 | -720.00 | -17% | 17,102.00 | (c) | 19,020.00 | Yes |
| Excess Claims Fe | | 1,020.00 | 1471 | 0,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 000.00 | 720.00 | 1770 | | (6) | | 100 |
| | Independent claims in excess of three | 250.00 | 125.00 | 420.00 | 210.00 | 105.00 | 170.00 | 68% | | (b) | | Yes |
| | Claims in excess of 20 | 62.00 | 31.00 | 80.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 18.00 | 29% | | (b) | | Yes |
| | Multiple dependent claim | 460.00 | 230.00 | 780.00 | 390.00 | 195.00 | 320.00 | 70% | | (b) | | Yes |
| | Reissue independent claims in excess of three | 250.00 | 125.00 | 420.00 | 210.00 | 105.00 | 170.00 | 68% | | (b) | | Yes |
| | Reissue claims in excess of 20 | 62.00 | 31.00 | 80.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 18.00 | 29% | | (b) | | Yes |
| | [PCT National Stage] Claims - extra independent (over three) | 250.00 | 125.00 | 420.00 | 210.00 | 105.00 | 170.00 | 68% | | (b) | | Yes |
| | [PCT National Stage] Claims - extra total (over 20) | 62.00 | 31.00 | 80.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 18.00 | 29% | | (b) | | Yes |
| | [PCT National Stage] Claims - multiple dependent | 460.00 | 230.00 | 780.00 | 390.00 | 195.00 | 320.00 | 70% | | (b) | | Yes |
| Patent Extension | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Extension for response within first month | 150.00 | 75.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 33% | | (d) | | Yes |
| | Extension for response within second month | 570.00 | 285.00 | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | 30.00 | 5% | | (d) | | Yes |
| | Extension for response within third month | 1,290.00 | 645.00 | 1,400.00 | 700.00 | 350.00 | 110.00 | 9% | | (d) | | Yes |
| | Extension for response within fourth month | 2,010.00 | 1,005.00 | 2,200.00 | 1,100.00 | 550.00 | 190.00 | 9% | | (d) | | Yes |
| | Extension for response within fifth month | 2,730.00 | 1,365.00 | 3,000.00 | 1.500.00 | 750.00 | 270.00 | 10% | | (d) | | Yes |
| Application Size F | | , | , | ., | , | | | | | . , | | |
| 1081/2081/3081 | Utility Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | 320.00 | 160.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 25% | | (b) | | Yes |
| 1082/2082/3082 | Design Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | 320.00 | 160.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 25% | | (b) | | Yes |
| 1083/2083/3083 | Plant Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | 320.00 | 160.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 25% | | (b) | | Yes |
| 1084/2084/3084 | Reissue Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | 320.00 | 160.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 25% | | (b) | | Yes |
| 1085/2085/3085 | Provisional Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | 320.00 | 160.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 25% | | (b) | | Yes |
| 1681/2681/3681 | National Stage Application Size Fee - for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | 320.00 | 160.00 | 400.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 80.00 | 25% | | (b) | | Yes |
| Revival Fees | | ' | , | | ' | | | | | | | |

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| USPTO Large/Small Fee | Description | Current | Fees | Fina | al Fee Sched | lule | Change in L Fe | | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | (a) Change in Large Entity Fees |
| Codes | Description | Large | Small | Large | Small | Micro | Dollar Change | Percent Change | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | is >5% AND >\$10 |
| 1452/2452/3452 | Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application | 630.00 | 315.00 | 640.00 | 320.00 | 160.00 | 10.00 | 2% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 312.00 | |
| 1453/2453/3453 | Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application | 1,890.00 | 945.00 | 1,900.00 | 950.00 | 475.00 | 10.00 | 1% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 312.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Pat | ent Fees | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1808 | Other publication processing fee | 130.00 | N/A | 130.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 39.00 | 37.00 | 33.00 | |
| 1803 | Request for voluntary publication or republication | 130.00 | N/A | 130.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1802 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | 900.00 | N/A | 900.00 | 450.00 | 225.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1806/2806/3806 | Submission of an Information Disclosure Statement | 180.00 | N/A | 180.00 | 90.00 | 45.00 | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 1807 | Processing fee for provisional applications | 50.00 | N/A | 50.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 39.00 | 37.00 | 33.00 | |
| 1809/2809/3809 | Filing a submission after final rejection (see 37 CFR 1.129(a)) | 810.00 | 405.00 | 840.00 | 420.00 | 210.00 | 30.00 | 4% | 1,553.00 | 1,329.00 | 1,533.00 | |
| 1810/2810/3810 | For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b)) | 810.00 | 405.00 | 840.00 | 420.00 | 210.00 | 30.00 | 4% | 1,553.00 | 1,329.00 | 1,533.00 | |
| 1824 | Reexamination Petition | 1,930.00 | N/A | 1,940.00 | 970.00 | 485.00 | 10.00 | 1% | | (c) | | |
| 1826 | Supplemental Examination Request | 5,140.00 | N/A | 4,400.00 | 2,200.00 | 1,100.00 | -740.00 | -14% | | (c) | | Yes |
| 1827 | Supplemental Examination Reexamination | 16,120.00 | N/A | 12,100.00 | 6,050.00 | 3,025.00 | -4,020.00 | -25% | | (c) | | Yes |
| 1828 | Supplemental Examination document size fees; 21-50 | 170.00 | N/A | 180.00 | 90.00 | 45.00 | 10.00 | 6% | | (c) | | |
| 1829 | Supplemental examination document size fees; each additional 50 | 280.00 | N/A | 280.00 | 140.00 | 70.00 | 0.00 | 0% | | (c) | | |
| Post Issuance Fee | es | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1811 | Certificate of correction | 100.00 | N/A | 100.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 61.00 | 68.00 | 74.00 | |
| 1816 | Processing fee for correcting inventorship in a patent | 130.00 | N/A | 130.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 1821/2821/3821 | Reexamination independent claims in excess of three and also in excess of the number of such claims in the patent under reexamination | 250.00 | 125.00 | 420.00 | 210.00 | 105.00 | 170.00 | 68% | | (b) | | Yes |
| 1822/2822/3822 | Reexamination claims in excess of 20 and also in excess of the number of claims in the patent under reexamination | 62.00 | 31.00 | 80.00 | 40.00 | 20.00 | 18.00 | 29% | | (b) | | Yes |
| 1814/2814 | Statutory disclaimer, including terminal disclaimer | 160.00 | 80.00 | 160.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (d) | | |
| Patent Petition Fed | es | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1462/2462/3462 | Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f) (Group I) | 400.00 | N/A | 400.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 312.00 | |
| 1463/2463/3463 | Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(g) (Group II) | 200.00 | N/A | 200.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 312.00 | |
| 1464/2464/3464 | Petitions requiring the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) (Group III) | 130.00 | N/A | 140.00 | 70.00 | 35.00 | 10.00 | 8% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1454/2454/3454 | Acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority, or for filling a request for the restoration of the right of priority | 1,410.00 | N/A | 1,420.00 | 710.00 | 355.00 | 10.00 | 1% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 312.00 | |
| 1455 | Filing an application for patent term adjustment | 200.00 | N/A | 200.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1456 | Request for reinstatement of term reduced | 400.00 | N/A | 400.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1457 | Extension of term of patent | 1,120.00 | N/A | 1,120.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1458 | Initial application for interim extension (see 37 CFR 1.790) | 420.00 | N/A | 420.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| 1459 | Subsequent application for interim extension (see 37 CFR 1.790) | 220.00 | N/A | 220.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 110.00 | 68.00 | 95.00 | |
| PCT Fees - Nation | al Stage | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1617/2617/3617 | Search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration after thirty months from priority date | 130.00 | 65.00 | 140.00 | 70.00 | 35.00 | 10.00 | 8% | | (d) | | |

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| USPTO Large/Small Fee | Description | Current | Fees | Final Fee Schedule | | | Change in Large Entity Fees | | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | (a) Change in |
| Codes Codes | Description | Large | Small | Large | Small | Micro | Dollar Change | Percent Change | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Unit Cost | Entity F is >5% AND |
| 1618/2618/3618 | English translation after thirty months from priority date | 130.00 | N/A | 140.00 | 70.00 | 35.00 | 10.00 | 8% | | (d) | | |
| PCT Fees - Interna | ational Stage | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1601/2601/3601 | Transmittal fee - Through 12/31/2013 | 240.00 | N/A | 240.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 913.00 | 424.00 | 354.00 | |
| 1601/2601/3601 | Transmittal fee - Effective 1/1/2014 | 240.00 | N/A | 240.00 | 120.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 913.00 | 424.00 | 354.00 | |
| 1602/2602/3602 | Search fee - regardless of whether there is a corresponding application (see 35 U.S.C. 361(d) and PCT Rule 16) - Through 12/31/2013 | 2,080.00 | N/A | 2,080.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 1,885.00 | 1,889.00 | 2,012.00 | |
| 1602/2602/3602 | Search fee - regardless of whether there is a corresponding application (see 35 U.S.C. 361(d) and PCT Rule 16) - Effective 1/1/2014 | 2,080.00 | N/A | 2,080.00 | 1,040.00 | 520.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 1,885.00 | 1,889.00 | 2,012.00 | |
| 1604/2604/3604 | Supplemental search fee when required, per additional invention - Through 12/31/2013 | 2,080.00 | N/A | 2,080.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 1,885.00 | 1,889.00 | 2,012.00 | |
| 1604/2604/3604 | Supplemental search fee when required, per additional invention - Effective 1/1/2014 | 2,080.00 | N/A | 2,080.00 | 1,040.00 | 520.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 1,885.00 | 1,889.00 | 2,012.00 | |
| 1605/2605/3605 | Preliminary examination fee - U.S. was the ISA - Through 12/31/2013 | 600.00 | N/A | 600.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 875.00 | 710.00 | 853.00 | |
| 1605/2605/3605 | Preliminary examination fee - U.S. was the ISA - Effective 1/1/2014 Preliminary examination fee - U.S. was not the ISA - Through | 600.00 | N/A | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 875.00 | 710.00 | 853.00 | |
| 1606/2606/3606 | 12/31/2013 | 750.00 | N/A | 760.00 | N/A | N/A | 10.00 | 1% | 875.00 | 710.00 | 853.00 | |
| 1606/2606/3606 | Preliminary examination fee - U.S. was not the ISA - Effective 1/1/2014 | 750.00 | N/A | 760.00 | 380.00 | 190.00 | 10.00 | 1% | 875.00 | 710.00 | 853.00 | |
| 1607/2607/3607 | Supplemental examination fee per additional invention - Through 12/31/2013 | 600.00 | N/A | 600.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 875.00 | 710.00 | 853.00 | |
| 1607/2607/3607 | Supplemental examination fee per additional invention - Effective 1/1/2014 | 600.00 | N/A | 600.00 | 300.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 875.00 | 710.00 | 853.00 | |
| 1619 | Late payment fee | VARIABLE | N/A | VARIABLE | VARIABLE | VARIABLE | N/A | N/A | | (d) | | |
| 1621 | Transmitting application to Intl. Bureau to act as receiving office - Through 12/31/2013 | 240.00 | N/A | 240.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | 7.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | |
| 1621 | Transmitting application to Intl. Bureau to act as receiving office - Effective 1/1/2014 | 240.00 | N/A | 240.00 | 120.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 | 0% | 7.00 | 9.00 | 9.00 | |
| Patent Service Fee | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8001 | Printed copy of patent w/o color, delivery by USPS, USPTO Box, or electronic means | 3.00 | N/A | 3.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8003 | Printed copy of plant patent in color | 15.00 | N/A | 15.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8004 | Color copy of patent (other than plant patent) or SIR containing a color drawing | 25.00 | N/A | 25.00 | N/A | N/A | | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8005 | Patent Application Publication (PAP) | 3.00 | N/A | 3.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8007 | Copy of patent application as filed | 20.00 | N/A | 20.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8008 | Copy of patent-related file wrapper and contents of 400 or fewer pages, if provided on paper | 200.00 | N/A | 200.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8009 | Additional fee for each additional 100 pages of patent-related file wrapper and (paper) contents, or portion thereof | 40.00 | N/A | 40.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8010 | Individual application documents, other than application as filed, per document | 25.00 | N/A | 25.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 8011 | Copy of patent-related file wrapper and contents if provided electronically or on a physical electronic medium as specified in 1.19(b)(1)(ii) | 55.00 | N/A | 55.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |

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| 8904 Library service 50.00 N/A 50.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |
| 8015 List of U.S. patents and SIRs in subclass 3.00 N/A 3.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% | |
| 8016 Uncertified statement re status of maintenance fee payments 10.00 N/A 10.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |
| 8017 Copy of non-U.S. document 25.00 N/A 25.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% | |
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| NEW Recording each patent assignment, agreement or other paper, per property - when submitted electronically - Effective 1/1/2014 40.00 N/A 0.00 N/A 0.00 N/A -40.00 -100% | Yes |
| 8022 Publication in Official Gazette 25.00 N/A 25.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |
| 8023 Labor charges for services, per hour or fraction thereof 40.00 N/A 40.00 N/A 0.00 0% | |
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| 8027 Handling fee for withdrawal of SIR 130.00 N/A 130.00 N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |
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| 9001 Application fee (non-refundable) 40.00 N/A 40.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% | |
| Registration to practice or grant of limited recognition under 100.00 N/A 100.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |
| 9004 Reinstatement to practice 100.00 N/A 100.00 N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |
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| 9010 For test administration by commercial entity 200.00 N/A 200.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |
| 9011 For test administration by the USPTO 450.00 N/A 450.00 N/A N/A 0.00 0% (e) | |

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| USPTO | Description | Current Fees | | Final Fee Schedule | | | Change in L Fe | | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 | (a) Change in Large |
| Large/Small Fee Codes | | Large | Small | Large | Small | Micro | Dollar Change | Percent Change | Unit Cost | | Unit Cost | Entity Fees is >5% AND >\$10 |
| 9012 | Review of decision by the Director of Enrollment and Discipline under §11.2(c) | 130.00 | N/A | 130.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 9013 | Review of decision of the Director of Enrollment and Discipline under §11.2(d) | 130.00 | N/A | 130.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 9014 | Application fee for person disciplined, convicted of a felony or certain misdemeanors under §11.7(h) | 1,600.00 | N/A | 1,600.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 9015 | Annual fee for registered attorney or agent in active status | 118.00 | N/A | 120.00 | N/A | N/A | 2.00 | 2% | | (e) | | |
| 9016 | Annual fee for registered attorney or agent in voluntary inactive status | 25.00 | N/A | 25.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 9017 | Requesting restoration to active status from voluntary inactive status | 50.00 | N/A | 50.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 9018 | Balance of annual fee due upon restoration to active status from voluntary inactive status | 93.00 | N/A | 100.00 | N/A | N/A | 7.00 | 8% | | (e) | | |
| 9019 | Annual fee for individual granted limited recognition | 118.00 | N/A | 120.00 | N/A | N/A | 2.00 | 2% | | (e) | | |
| 9020 | Delinquency fee for annual fee | 50.00 | N/A | 50.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |
| 9024 | Unspecified other services, excluding labor | AT COST | N/A | AT COST | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | (e) | | |
| 9025 | Registration to practice for change of practitioner type | 100.00 | N/A | 100.00 | N/A | N/A | 0.00 | 0% | | (e) | | |

⁽a) - Discussed in detail in the "Individual Fee Rationale" section of the Supplementary Information in the Final Rule.

⁽b) - Included within the average unit cost of search and exam. See "Individual Fee Rationale" section of the Supplementary Information of the Final Rule for additional information.

⁽c) - Cost was not derived purely from historical ABI cost, but from like historical data used as a foundation to calculate the prospective cost of a new program or activity.

⁽d) - Unit cost was not calculated for these fees because there are no significant, specific activities supporting them, other than collecting and depositing the fee.

⁽e) - Recent unit costs were not calculated for these fees and the Office is therefore, not proposing changes to these fees until we are able to evaluate them against their current respective cost (with two exceptions: three enrollment fees are adjusted to correct rounding errors; and the Office is proposing a \$0 fee for assignments submitted electronically).

⁽f) - See the Costing Methodology Appendix for calculation descriptions.