

Costs of Acquiring and Maintaining a Patent and Utility Model Right (Calculated for an average patent application)

Patent:

Application fee + examination request fee + patent fee

(Current)

Application fee: ¥21,000

Examination request fee: ¥84,300 + ¥2,000 x number of claims

Annual fee: ¥13,000 + ¥1,100 x number of claims (1st to 3rd year)

¥20,300 + ¥1,600 x number of claims (4th to 6th year)

Cost of maintaining the patent for six years:

¥21,000

+ ¥84,300 + ¥2,000 x 7.6

+ (¥13,000 + ¥1,100 x 7.6) x 3

+ (¥20,300 + ¥1,600 x 7.6) x 3 = ¥281,960

(After amendment of 2003)

Application fee: ¥16,000

Examination request fee: ¥168,600 + ¥4,000 x number of claims

Patent fee: ¥2,600 + ¥200 x number of claims (1st to 3rd year)

¥8,100 + ¥600 x number claims (4th to 6th year)

Cost of maintaining the patent for six years:

¥16,000

+ ¥168,600 + ¥4,000 x 7.6

+ (¥2,600 + ¥200 x 7.6) x 3

+ (¥8,100 + ¥600 x 7.6) x 3 = ¥265,340

Utility Model:

Application fee + registration fee (+ utility model technical evaluation request fee)

(Current)

Application fee ¥14,000

Annual fee ¥7,600 + ¥700 x number of claims (1st to 3rd year)

¥15,100 + 1,400 x number of claims (4th to 6th year)

(Utility model technical evaluation request fee

¥42,000 + 1,000 x number of claims)

Cost of maintaining the right for six years:

¥14,000

+ (¥7,600 + ¥700 x 7.6) x 3

+ (¥15,100 + ¥1,400 x 7.6) x 3 = ¥129,980 (no request for evaluation)

¥129,980 + ¥42,000 + ¥1,000 x 7.6 = ¥179,580 (request for evaluation)