

Korea Patent Official Fees Reduction Rules

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1. Definitions / Requirements

For a foreign applicant for or owner of a Korean patent, utility model, and/or design, there are two available fee reductions:

- A. In cases where the applicant or owner is the inventor or designer (citizenship is irrelevant), certain fees shall be reduced. Please note, however, no fee reduction is available if the original inventor or designer transfers the invention or design to another entity (e.g., another non-inventor individual).
- B. For the 4th and subsequent annual fees, a discount is offered if annual fees for three or more years are paid in a lump sum.

2. Fee Reduction

The two fee reduction rules may be summarized as follows:

- A. The filing fee, examination fee, and registration fee for the 1st-3rd years are reduced by 70%, while the annual fees for the 4th-20th years are reduced by 50%, provided that the applicant or owner is the original inventor.
- B. For the 4th-20th annual fees, the applicant or owner may benefit from a 10% discount by paying annual fees for three or more years in a lump sum.

Remarks :

- (1) The information above was collected on [August 9, 2018](#). In the event of any patent law changes in the said country, the new amendments shall prevail.
- (2) We are not responsible for verifying the client's fee reduction qualification status and will follow the client's instructions to process the patent renewals payment. In case of any changes of client's fee reduction qualification status, please inform us for processing in order to comply with the payment regulations of the patent laws of various countries.
- (3) We do not assume any legal liability in case of the case abandoned, payment failed or any other rights losses or damages caused due to the above mentioned client's instructions or incorrect data.