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Days on which the Intellectual Property Office is Closed

In accordance with section 223 of the Patents Act 2013, section 188 (1) of the Trade Marks Act 2002 and section 45(1) of the Designs Act 1953, the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand is open everyday except the following Official closed days:

- a. All Saturdays and Sundays
- b. Wellington Anniversary Day
- c. The holiday observed as Waitangi Day
- d. Good Friday and Easter Monday
- e. The holiday observed as ANZAC Day
- f. The holiday observed as the Sovereign's birthday
- g. Labour Day
- h. Christmas Day, to and including:
the 2nd day of January in any year when New Year's Day falls on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
or the 3rd day of January in any year when New Year's Day falls on a Sunday
or the 4th day of January in any year when New Year's Day falls on a Friday or Saturday

The Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand physical office is open for business 8.30am – 5.00pm NZDST.

Applications and documents for Patents, Trade Marks, or Designs that are submitted online on an open day will receive that day as a filing date if they are submitted no later than 11.59pm NZDST.

Applications and documents submitted online on a day when the Office is closed will receive the date of the next open day as the official filing date regardless of the date of submission.

If the deadline for filing an application or document falls on a day when the Office is closed, then the application or document will be filed on the next open day.

Please note:

1. As a general rule, if the details of an invention or design, for which an application for a patent or design registration is to be made, are published prior to the official filing date, it may invalidate the patent or registration. Therefore, if a patent or design application is submitted online on an official closed day, the details of the invention or design should not be publicly disclosed until after the official filing date which will be later than the date of online submission.
2. It is mandatory to use the [online case management facility](#) when communicating with IPONZ about International and New Zealand Trade Marks and Patents filed under the Patents Act 2013. Communications received outside the case management facility will not be considered valid unless exceptional circumstances exist.

Dated this 13 September 2013
Mandy McDonald
Commissioner of Patents
Commissioner of Trade Marks
Commissioner of Designs

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General Information Section

The Journal of the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand contains information the Commissioner is required by the Patents Act 1953 to advertise. It is published on a monthly basis and consists of a General Information section in pdf format, and an online section for case specific information. This document is the General Information section. To view the case specific information of the Journal see www.iponz.govt.nz/manage-ip.

Expected Publication Dates

Journal No.	Publication Date
1951	27 January 2017
1952	24 February 2017

Industrial Exhibitions

UCE Summer Programme Presentations

Pursuant to Section 9(2) of the Patents Act 2013 and Section 10(2) of the Designs Act 1953, I, Mandy McDonald, Commissioner of Patents and Designs, do hereby declare the UCE Summer Programme Presentations to be held at Vodafone, 213/221 Tuam Street, Christchurch, New Zealand, on 9 February 2017, including oral presentations, to be an Industrial Exhibition for the purposes of the said Acts.

Mandy McDonald
Commissioner of Patents and Designs
13 December 2016

IPONZ Fee Schedule

From 10 December 2012

Patents Act 1953

Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)	GST)	GST)
Amendments			
Amend Complete Specification	\$60.00		\$69.00
Amendment of ownership due to death of original applicant or cessation of original body corporate	\$60.00		\$69.00
Renewals			
4th year renewal	\$170.00		\$195.50
7th year renewal	\$340.00		\$391.50
10th year renewal	\$540.00		\$621.00
13th year renewal	\$1000.00		\$1150.00
Sealing			
Further patent on loss or destruction	\$30.00		\$34.50
Oppositions/Hearings			
On all notices of opposition by opponent	\$300.00		\$345.00
On hearing by Commissioner, for each party	\$750.00		\$862.50
Copies			
For all copies of Certificates, certified copies or extracts from the Register		FREE	

Trade Marks

The Trade Marks Amendment Regulations 2012 introduce fee changes on 10 December 2012. See the table below for details of the fee changes. To read more about the Regulations see [Trade Mark Regulations 2003](#)

	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)
Search/Advice		
Request for Search (per class)	\$40.00	\$46.00
Request for Preliminary Advice (per class)	\$40.00	\$46.00
Application		
Application for Trade Mark (per class)	\$150.00	\$172.50
Application for additional class(es) (per class)	\$150.00	\$175.50
Renewals		
Renewal of all trade marks including series marks (per class)	\$350.00	\$402.50
Oppositions/Hearings		
Notices of Opposition by Opponent	\$350.00	\$402.50
Hearing fee for each party	\$850.00	\$977.50
Application for Revocation of Application of Trade Mark	\$350.00	\$402.50
Application for Declaration of Invalidity of Registration	\$350.00	\$402.50

Designs

	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)
Applications		
Application to register one design to a single article	\$100.00	\$115.00
Application to register one design to a set of articles	\$100.00	\$115.00
Renewals		
(2nd period of 5 years)	\$100.00	\$115.00
(3rd period of 5 years)	\$200.00	\$230.00
Oppositions/Hearings		
On all notices of opposition by opponent	\$300.00	\$345.00
Hearing by Commissioner, for each party	\$750.00	\$862.50
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Copies of Certificates, certified copies or extracts from the Register		FREE

Patent Attorney

	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)
Registration as patent attorney	\$65.00	\$74.75
Annual renewal of registration as patent attorney	\$65.00	\$74.75
Restoration of registration as patent attorney	\$65.00	\$74.75
Examination for registration as patent attorney- per paper	\$25.00	\$28.75

Patents Act 2013 and Patent Regulations 2014 – Schedule Fees and Penalties

The fees and penalties schedule for all matters under the Patents Act 2013 and Patents Regulations 2014 is set out below.

Part 1
Matters under Act and regulations

Section of Act	Fee	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)
20(2)	Renewal fee due on the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification	\$100.00	\$115.00
20(2)	Renewal fee due on the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification	\$200.00	\$230.00
20(2)	Renewal fee due on the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification	\$350.00	\$402.50
21(2)(c)	Penalty payable for request to extend the period for payment of a renewal fee	\$50.00	\$57.50
32	Patent application accompanied by a provisional specification	\$100.00	\$115.00

32	Patent application accompanied by a complete specification (including convention applications)	\$250.00	\$287.50
35(1)	Maintenance fee due on the 4th and each subsequent anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification if the fee is paid during the period prescribed by regulation 9(1)(a)	\$100.00	\$115.00
35(1)	Maintenance fee due on the 4th and each subsequent anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification if the fee is paid during the further period prescribed by regulation 9(1)(b)	\$150.00	\$172.50
40	Amendment by applicant of complete specification before acceptance (other than in response to an objection raised in a report issued by the Commissioner under section 65 or 97 of the Act)	\$150.00	\$172.50
64, 94, 95	Request for examination or re-examination	\$500.00	\$575.00
85(3)	Request for leave to amend complete specification after acceptance	\$150.00	\$172.50
87, 92, 116(3), 123, 127, 202(4)	Notice of opposition	\$350.00	\$402.50
112(1)	Application to revoke a patent	\$350.00	\$402.50
117(2), 125(2)	Request for restoration of patent or patent application	\$100.00	\$115.00
Various	Request for a hearing	\$850.00	\$977.50

**Part 2
Patent Cooperation Treaty**

Legislative/Treaty basis	Fee	Fee (excl. GST)	Fee (incl. GST)
International phase			
Rule 14.1 of Treaty regulations	Transmittal fee for each international application, payable to the Commissioner within 1 month of the applicant filing the international application	\$180.00	\$207.00
National phase			
Section 46 of Act	Application for entry into the national phase of a Treaty application (treated as a patent application accompanied by a complete specification)	\$250.00	\$287.50

The Patents Act 1953, the Patents Regulations 1954 (including fees) orders, directions, and other matters made under it continue to apply, as if sections 247 to 249 of the Patents Act 2013 were not in force, for the purposes of:

- a patent application made under the Patents Act 1953 before the commencement of Part 3 of this Act; and
- the bringing and completion of any application, request, notice, or other proceeding relating to that application, whether commenced before or after the commencement of Part 3 of this Act.

Patent Cooperation Treaty System (PCT)

PCT Fees

The Patents Amendment Act 1992 (apart from sections 3, 8, and 11, which came into force on 19 August 1992) and the Patents (Patent Cooperation Treaty) Regulations 1992 came into force on 1 July 1998.

Please see the [PCT fee schedules on the WIPO website](#) for the most current information.

The Patent Cooperation Schedule of Fees has been amended with effect from 1 October 2016. The revised schedule of fees is as follows.

The International Phase:

New Zealand component

The transmittal fee for each international application:

NZD \$180.00 + \$27.00 (GST) = \$207.00

International component

The International fees, collected by the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand on behalf of the International Bureau, are as follows ("Rule" refers to the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty):

Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a)):

International Filing Fee	NZD	\$1945.00
Fee per sheet over 30	NZD	\$22.00
e-PCT PDF Filing Reduction	NZD	\$292.00
e-PCT XML Filing Reduction	NZD	\$439.00

International Search Fee: (Rule 16.1(b)):

The Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and United States Patent Offices have been specified, pursuant to Articles 16(2) and 32(2) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as being competent for the searching and preliminary examination of international applications filed with the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand. Only one search authority is to be selected. The search fees, collected by IPONZ on behalf of the requisite International Searching Authority, are as follows:

Australian Patent Office (AU)	NZD	\$2397.00
European Patent Office (EP)	NZD	\$2953.00
Korean Intellectual Property Office (KR)	NZD	\$1616.00
United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (US)	NZD	\$2980.00
(US) small entity search	NZD	\$1490.00
(US) micro entity search	NZD	\$740.00

NOTE:

1. The listed fees are exclusive of GST (except where stated).
2. IPONZ require direct credit payments for PCT International applications. Once you have filed a PCT International application you will receive an email with the summary of the fees due. The email will also include MBIE PCT Trust Account details which you will need to pay your fee by direct credit.

National Phase:

On entry into the national phase of a Treaty application for a patent
 NZD \$250.00 + (\$37.50 GST where applicable)

Please use our online service (www.iponz.govt.nz/manage-ip) to file a National Phase application.

PCT Fee Changes

The following fee changes will apply as of **1 January 2017**

International component

Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a)):

International Filing Fee	NZD	\$1880.00
Fee per sheet over 30	NZD	\$21.00
e-PCT PDF Filing Reduction	NZD	\$283.00
e-PCT XML Filing Reduction	NZD	\$424.00

International Search Fee: (Rule 16.1(b)):

Australian Patent Office (AU)	NZD	\$2322.00
European Patent Office (EP)	NZD	\$2892.00
Korean Intellectual Property Office (KR)	NZD	\$1619.00
United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (US)	NZD	\$2861.00
(US) small entity search	NZD	\$1430.00
(US) micro entity search	NZD	\$715.00

Patent Attorneys Examination – papers D and E

Pursuant to regulation 155 the Commissioner and the Council of the New Zealand Institute of Patent Attorneys (NZIPA) advise that examinations will be held in Wellington on 2 and 3 February 2017 for the following papers:

- (d) the preparation of specifications for New Zealand Patents; and
- (e) patent attorney practice in New Zealand, including the interpretation and criticism of patent specifications.

Any person wishing to sit these February exams must notify the Commissioner and pay the examination fees no later than 1 February 2017.

Please note that the Commissioner and the Council of the NZIPA will also be holding a further round of examinations for all papers, including papers D and E, in June/July 2017 for those candidates wishing to rely on the transitional provisions under the joint patent attorney regime to apply for registration as a trans-Tasman Patent Attorney.

Further information about the exams is available on the IPONZ website.
