

On 8 January 2019, the Japan Patent Office announced that the Official Fees for a Request for Examination for patent applications bearing an **application date** (incl. international application date) of **1 April 2019 or later** will be increased as follows:

	before 1 April 2019	from 1 April 2019
<u>National Patent Applications</u>		
First claim	JPY122,000	JPY142,000
Each additional claim	JPY4,000	JPY4,000
<u>PCT Applications</u>		
First claim	JPY109,600	JPY127,600
Each additional claim	JPY3,600	JPY3,600

For older applications the current official fees will apply, regardless of when the Request for Examination is filed.

For divisional applications and applications converted from a utility model application, the Official Fees for Request for Examination will depend not on the application date of the original (parent) application, but on the date of their actual filing in Japan.