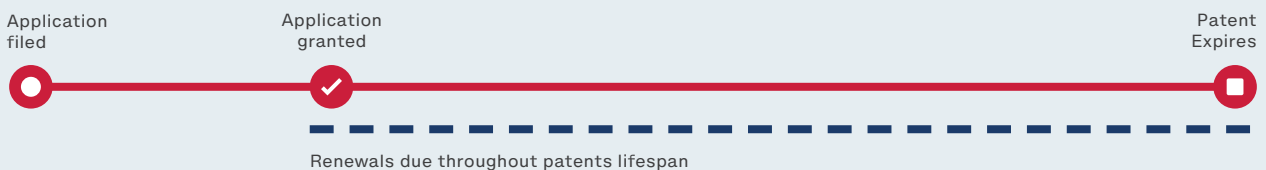


## Patent Annuities: Republic of Korea

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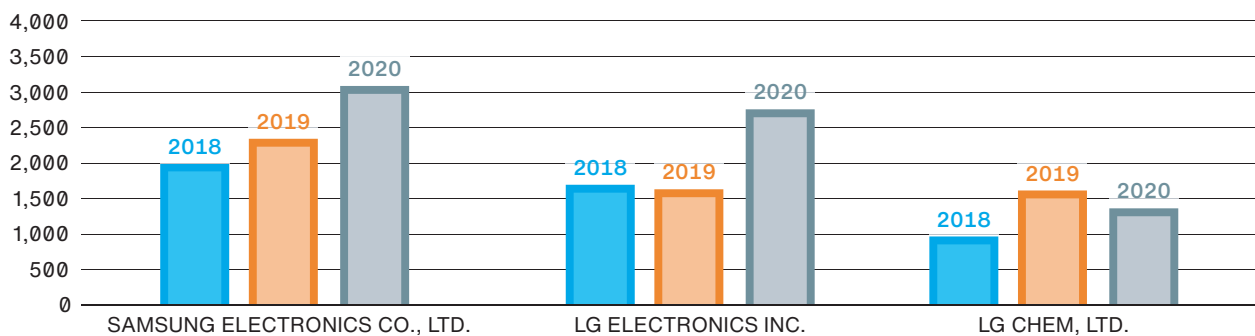


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### Top Three PCT Applicants

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Over the past three years, Korea's top three PCT applicants have been Samsung, LG Electronics Inc. and LG Chem, LTD.

### Useful link

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### Worked example

If a patent has the grant date of 07/08/2018, the 4th year renewal fee would be due on 07/08/2021.

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