

## Patent Annuities: **United Kingdom**

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In the United Kingdom, the first annuity fee is due on the 4th anniversary of the effective filing date, this is known as the 5th year renewal. This tends to occur once the patent has granted, however if a patent has not yet granted at the 4th anniversary filing date, the 5th renewal will have to be paid once the patent has granted. Once the 5th year renewal is paid, renewals will be due annually. The renewal deadline will be on the last day of the month of the filing date.

For IPRIS to accurately calculate United Kingdom renewals, the application number, application date, registration number and registration date are required.

### **Fact**

Renewals in the UK can be paid 3 months before the renewal deadline and there is no additional fee by the UK IPO in the first month of the grace period.

### **Renewals are calculated in 2-steps**

- 1** We calculate the date the renewal is due.
- 2** We calculate and display what the renewal year will be.

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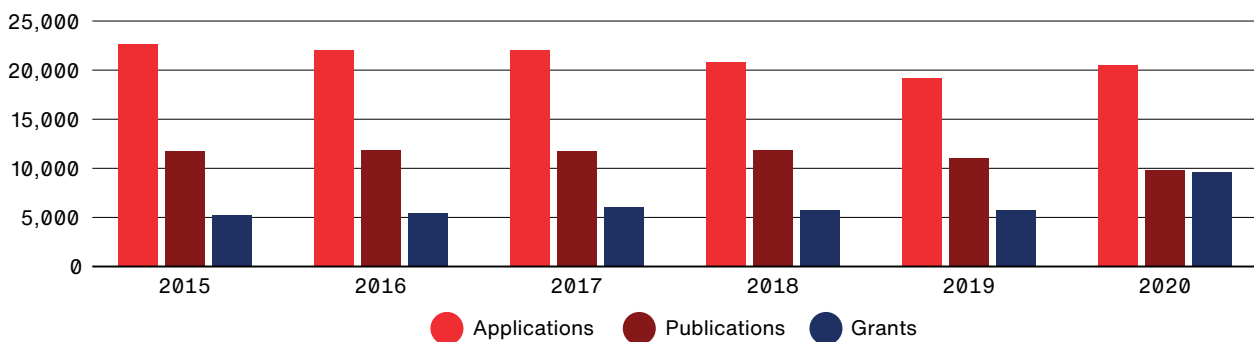


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### Patents filed directly at the IPO and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications

Source: [Official Statistics Facts](#) and figures: patent, trade mark, design and hearing data: 2020 – 27 July 2021



From 2019, there was a marked dip in the number of applications filed in comparison to other years. The decrease may be partially attributed to changes made to the application fee structure when the UK IPO started charging higher filing fees and extra fees for excess pages and claims. Over the next few years, it will be interesting to see if the rate of applications at the UK IPO will steadily increase.

#### Useful link

Here is a useful link to search patents listed in United Kingdom Database.

### Intellectual Property Office (IPO)

[Ipsium – Online Patent Information & Document Inspection Service](#)

### Worked example

If a patent application has the filing date of 20/11/2017, and the grant date was 17/07/2021, the 5th year renewal fee would be due on 30/11/2021.

If the renewal is not paid prior to its respective due date, it is still possible to renew the patent during the grace period. The grace period in the United Kingdom lasts for up to 6 months and late fees are applicable in the United Kingdom.

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