

Patent Annuities: India

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As a useful resource to empower offices and teams that wish to centralise their <u>IP renewals</u>, in this monthly series of articles, we explain the nuances of different country rules for patent renewal payments.





Renewals due throughout patents lifespan

In India, renewal fees are due after a patent has granted. The first annuity fee is due on the 2nd anniversary of the effective filing date, this is known as the 3rd year renewal. If the application is granted more than two years after the filing date, the accumulated annual fees are payable within the three months of the grant date. Subsequent renewal fees are due annually before the expiry of each succeeding year.

Renewals are calculated in 2-steps

1 We calculate the date the renewal is due.

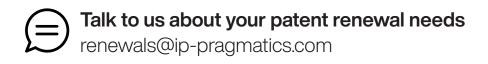
We calculate and display what the renewal year will be.

In order for IPRIS to accurately calculate Indian renewals the application number, application date, registration number and registration date are required.

Fact

If the patent is granted after the 2nd anniversary the accumulated fees need to be paid within 3 months of grant.



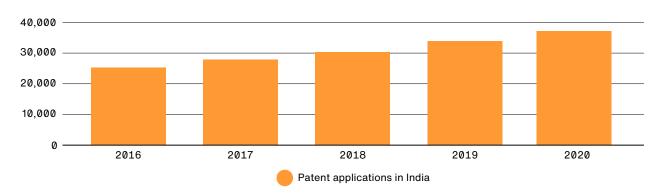




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The Growth of Patent Applications in India

Source: World Intellectual Property Indicators Report: Worldwide Trademark Filing Soars in 2020 Despite Global Pandemic



In 2020, India was one of the Top 10 countries where innovators filed the most patent applications. An astounding 3.3 million patent applications were filed in 2020. Patent-filing activity globally grew in 2020, with India as one of three patent offices driving this growth with +5.9% more filings in comparison to 2019. The other drivers of growth were China and the Republic of Korea.



Here is a useful link to search patents listed in the Indian Database.

InPASS - Indian Patent
Advanced Search System

Worked example

If a patent application has the filing date of 20/01/2020, and the grant date was 17/07/2021, the 3rd year renewal fee would be due on 20/01/2022.

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 India lasts for up to 6 months and late fees are applicable in India.

Each country rule is live and in-built within the IPRIS web portal solutions (including grace period) for our clients' to view their patent and trademark portfolio and instruct through their secure online portal account at any time during this term.

