

Summary of Typical Costs for Patents – U.S. Applicant's (arranged in their usual chronological order)

1. Patentability novelty search and opinion (not required).....\$2,000 - \$2,500
2. Prepare and file a non-provisional utility patent application:\$6,000 - \$15,000
 - a. Includes Filing fees and drawings
 - b. This cost is dependent principally on the technical complexity of the invention.
 - c. A more precise estimate requires knowledge of the invention
3. Prepare and file response to office action from patent examiner: \$600 - \$4,000
 - a. In some cases there may be none but in most cases there is at least one and there can be more. Cost depends on how much argument is needed.
4. Issuance of a patent
 - a. USPTO issue fee: \$500 (small entity) or \$1000 (large entity)
 - b. Services\$500
 - c. Total.....\$1000 - \$1500
5. Filing International Patent Application (PCT application)
 - a. Services\$1000
 - b. Government filing fees\$2500
 - c. Total.....\$3,500
6. U.S. Maintenance Fees (large entity/small entity)
 - a. due at 3.5 years after the patent issues: \$1,600/\$800
 - b. due at 7.5 years after the patent issues: \$3,600/\$1,800
 - c. due at 11.5 years after the patent issues: \$7,400 /\$3,700
7. Filing Patent Application in Foreign Country
 - a. Our charge for our services is \$1000 per country.
 - b. The remaining major portion of the cost is for
 - i. fees paid to the foreign patent office
 - ii. expenses for a translation, if any
 - iii. expenses paid to the foreign patent firm that files the application for us.
 - c. There is a wide range of total cost that is dependent upon
 - i. the particular country or region where a patent application is filed;
 - ii. whether a translation is needed;
 - iii. the number of pages of text and drawings
 - iv. the technical complexity of the application
 - d. The wide range is typically\$3,500 to \$12,000
 - e. In order to obtain a closer estimate we must obtain an estimate from our associate attorney in the country of filing.
8. Issuing a patent in foreign countries
 - a. Each country sets its own fees
 - b. Most countries in the range of\$200 to \$1500
 - c. European Patent Office is more.
9. Foreign Country Annuity/Renewal Fees
 - a. Foreign countries, like the U.S., require payments to maintain a patent. Usually in foreign countries the payments are made annually. Each country has its own fee schedule which is modified (usually increased) from time to time. This topic is too extensive for explanation on this web site.

Fixed fee options are available.