

[News story: Patent fee changes on 6 April 2018](#)

Patent fees are changing on 6 April 2018.

This follows [consultations on the statutory patent fees changes](#) in 2017.

There are new fees for patent applications and patents, and new fees for lengthy applications.

The changes will:

- help us maintain high quality, efficient services for our customers
- ensure that the IPO maintains a competitive fee structure
- improve cost recovery for the services we provide
- continue to meet the bulk of IPO patent granting costs through renewal fees

[Guidance for business](#) setting out the detail and how the new fees work in practice is available.