

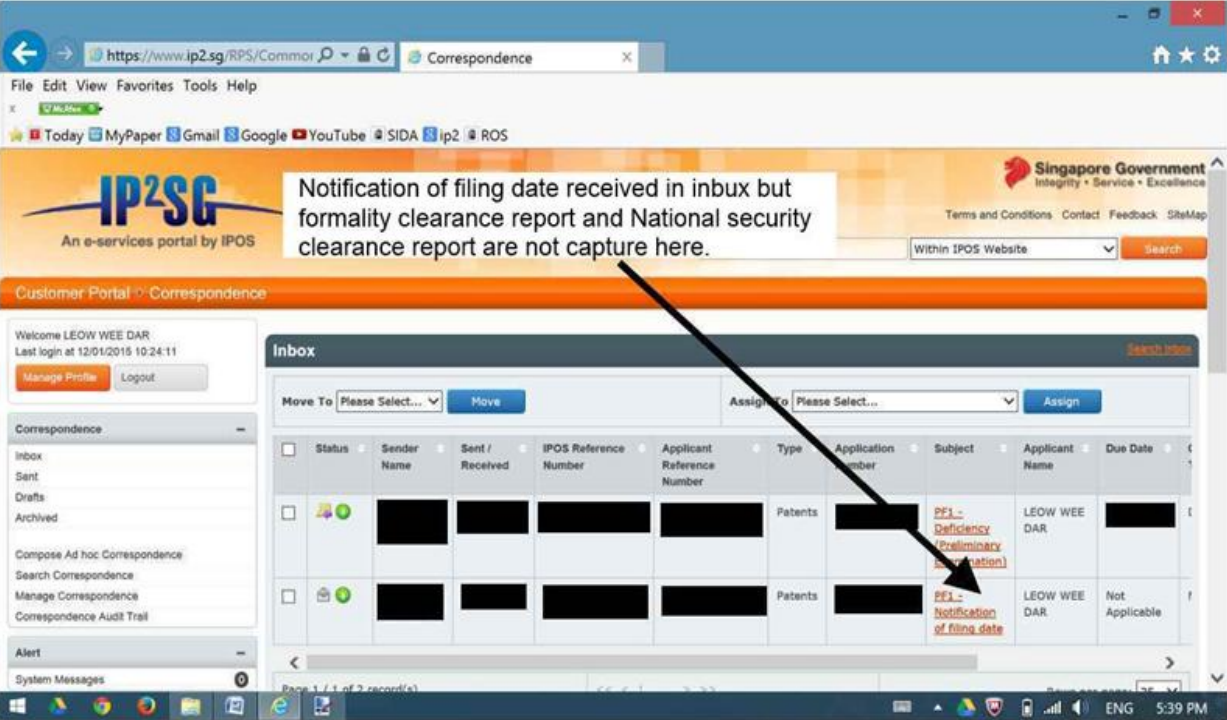
FEEDBACK#1: PF13 Amendment Summary text box too small

Summary explanation of Amendments  
can only accept 1000 characters. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
This is not enough.  
Alternative is to allow user to attach  
a pdf file with summary of the changes.

**IPOS comment: IPOS think that 1000 characters is enough. No need to increase.**

Feedback Received	IPOS' Response
Field for "Summary Explanation of Amendment Sought" in PF13 form does not allow enough characters (1000 max). Please increase the limit or allow the user to attach a pdf file with a summary of the amendments.	<p>The field for "Summary Explanation of Amendment Sought" is only meant for the user to give a brief description of the amendments sought.</p> <p>Currently, users can include additional information in the cover letter.</p> <p>Will consider feasibility of implementing.</p>

FEEDBACK#2: ip2.sg portal not updated to the latest development



IPOS comment: IPOS acknowledge this problem.

Feedback Received	IPOS' Response
Notification of Filing Date is received through ecomms but FE and NSC clearance report are not captured under the "subject" heading in the user's IP2SG inbox.	For this application in question, the Preliminary Examination may still be underway (Filing Date is issued before Preliminary Examination is undertaken). A new correspondence will be sent when a clear formalities examination report has been issued.

### FEEDBACK #3: Patent search improvement

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.ip2.sg/RPS/WP/CM/>. The page title is "Search & Enquiry". The search results are displayed in a table with columns: S/No., Title, Excerpt, Relevance, Application No., Document Type, and Applicant / Proprietor Name. The first result (S/No. 11) has a missing title, indicated by an arrow and the text "No Title". The second result (S/No. 12) has a title, indicated by an arrow and the text "Can include a picture of the invention here". A text box at the bottom of the screenshot contains the following text:

**IPOS comment: IPOS acknowledge that some of the title is missing and will work on it. No comment on the drawing or picture.**

Feedback Received	IPOS' Response
No title displayed in the search results when searching under the "Patents Abstract & Specification" option in IP2SG public search and enquiry.	From our understanding, not all applications are affected. We are aware of the issue and are working to rectify this.

FEEDBACK#4: Patent info pack no more available in IPOS website.

Patents Infopack by Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)



This is the cover page of the patent info pack updated on 11 Dec 2012. It was found in previous IPOS website but not the current one.

This info pack is useful when SIDA members not familiar with Singapore patent wanted to protect their invention. SIDA can refer them to this info pack.

SIDA request that this info pack to be updated to the latest Singapore Patent system development and make available in IPOS website.

Last updated on 11 Dec 2012.

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## Infopacks

### Patents

- Examination Guidelines for Patent Applications at IPOS (2014) (1,600KB)
- IPOS' Guide To The 2008 Patents Amendments (231KB)
- Guide on the 2007 Patents Amendments Relating To Patent Filing (395KB)
- Guide on the 2007 Patents Amendments Relating To Priority Claims (377KB)
- Guide to Patents Law Amendments 2007 (384KB)
- Quality Management System for Patents Search and Examination Unit (1MB)

Patent info pack is not here.

## Trade Marks

1. [Trade Marks Infopack](#) (525KB)
2. [Guidelines For Completing Form TM4](#) (1.29MB)
3. [Guidelines For Completing Form MM2\(E\)](#) (371KB)
4. TM Work Manual  
(Following the amendments to the Trade Marks Rules and Trade Marks (International Regulations) which came into operation on 13 November 2014 and the launch of the IP2SG system for Trade Marks on 24 November 2014, the chapters of the Trade Marks Work Manual have been updated as appropriate to reflect these changes.)

**IPOS comment: IPOS is still updating the info pack and will update it in website once it is ready.**

Feedback Received	IPOS' Response
The patents infopack is no longer available on the IPOS website.	The infopack is being updated and we will make it available again as soon as possible.



## FEEDBACK #5: Request for the comeback of PAF (Patent Application Funds)

The PAF was introduced in 1992. It was scrapped on 31 July 2008.

Data from IPOS shows that this scheme was successful in getting Singapore companies to patent their invention.

SIDA like to request for PAF to be re-introduced in the near future.

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**PATENT APPLICATION FUND PLUS (PAF PLUS)**

Get a subsidy to file a patent for your invention. A patent helps to protect your invention by preventing others from using, copying or making the invention without your consent in the country which you obtained patent protection.

**For who?**

- Individuals who are Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents.
- Singapore-based small & medium enterprises (SMEs).

**For what?**

- To encourage inventors to patent and commercialise their inventions.

**How much?**

**How much?**

- The grant covers professional fees, official fees and charges for filing a patent anywhere in the world.
- It does not cover costs of:
  - defending a patent
  - R&D to create the invention
  - transferring the patent rights
  - maintaining of patents that have ended due to carelessness
  - renewal of patents

**Things to note**

- The applicant(s) must be the official assignee(s)/owner(s) of the patent/patent application. Otherwise, documentary proof must be furnished to show that the applicant(s) is the exclusive licensee(s) of the patent/patent application.
- The economic benefits arising from the commercialisation of the patent must accrue to Singapore.
- Applicants should not be receiving any other Government/Statutory Board financial aid to defray the cost of patent filings for the same invention.
- Applicants have not and will not be claiming the "Single Tax Deduction for Patenting Cost" for the same invention.
- If the applicant is a Singapore-based SME with greater than 30% foreign ownership, the research and development for the invention must take place in Singapore.
- With effect from **31 July 2008**, EDB will retire PAF Plus. Applications received after 31 July will not be considered.

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## Number of Patent Applications Filed in Singapore

Break down by Local-Based and Foreign-Based Entities

Year	No. Of Applications by Local-Based Entities	No. of Applications by Foreign-Based Entities	Total
2010	892 (9%)	8,881 (91%)	9,773
2009	827 (9%)	7,909 (91%)	8,736
2008	808 (8%)	8,884 (92%)	9,692
2007	729 (7%)	9,226 (93%)	9,955
2006	626 (7%)	8,538 (93%)	9,164
2005	572 (7%)	8,033 (93%)	8,605
2004	641 (8%)	7,310 (92%)	7,951
2003	626 (8%)	7,282 (92%)	7,908
2002	624 (8%)	7,446 (92%)	8,070
2001	523 (6%)	7,610 (94%)	8,133
2000	516 (7%)	7,204 (93%)	7,720
1999	374 (6%)	6,305 (94%)	6,679
1998	311 (5%)	6,056 (95%)	6,637
1997	288 (5%)	5,760 (95%)	6,048
1996	224 (2%)	5,760 (95%)	6,048
1995	145 (6%)	2,267 (94%)	2,412

(as at Jan 2011)

Last updated on 14-Mar-2013



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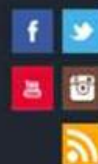
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## The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore: Measures to facilitate the use of the IP system by SMEs

### The Patent Application Fund

The Patent Application Fund (PAF) provides financial assistance for covering part of the costs of patent applications, including drafting, legal and filing costs. Its aim is to encourage Singapore SMEs and individuals to apply formally for the protection of intellectual property rights.

The PAF was established in 1992 by the Singapore National Science and Technology Board (NSTB) and is administered by the Intellectual Property Office. The fund supports 50% of the legal, official and other related fees incurred in the process of applying for a patent, up to a maximum of S\$30,000 for each invention. All companies of which Singapore citizens own at least 30% of the equity may apply as well as any Singapore citizens or permanent residents. Other pre-requisites include that the research work leading to the invention was conducted in Singapore and that applications to the PAF must be made within two years of the original patent application.

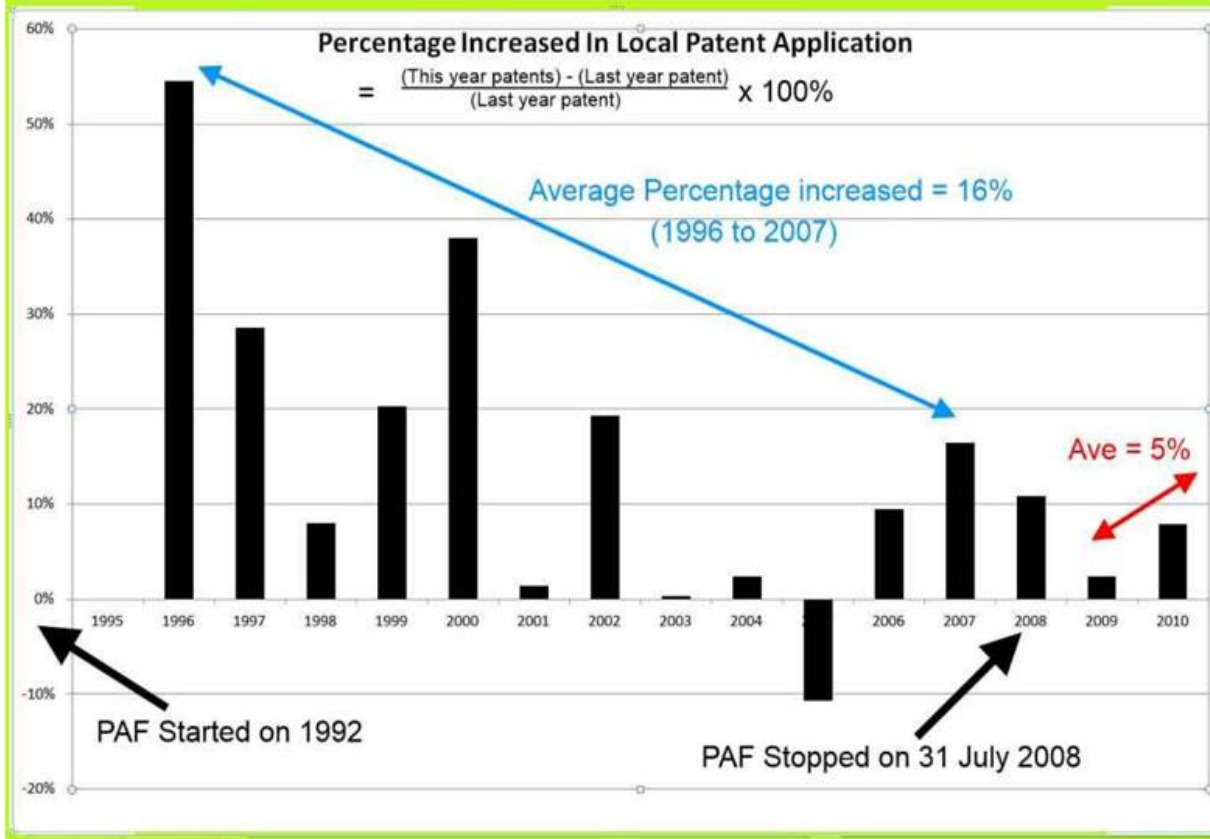
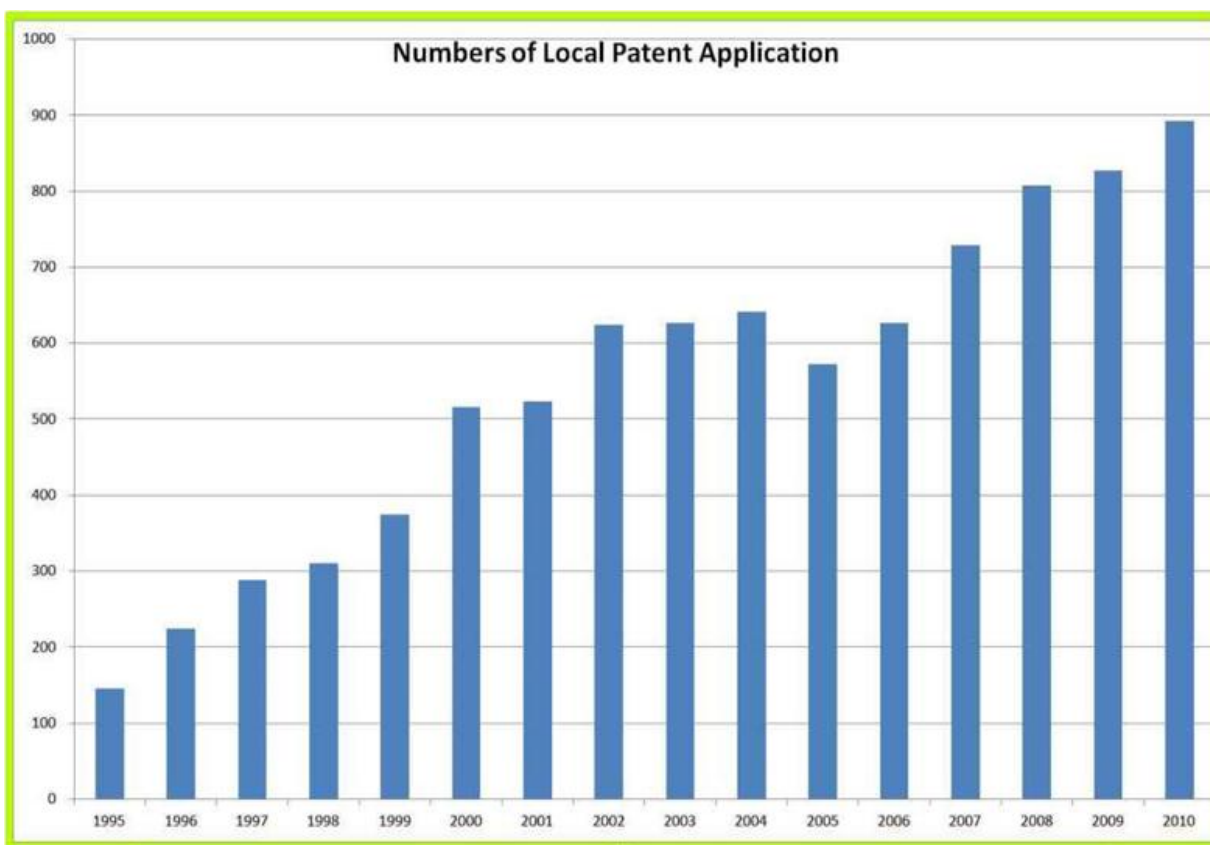
The number of patent applications by Singapore residents increased from 145 in 1995 to 516 in 2000. The PAF is believed to have contributed significantly to the increase in patenting activity by financially assisting companies and independent inventors to seek patent protection for their inventions.

[http://www.wipo.int/sme/en/best\\_practices/singapore.htm](http://www.wipo.int/sme/en/best_practices/singapore.htm)

**IPOS comment: IPOS has no comment on the effectiveness of PAF. IPOS will redirect the request to relevant department.**

Feedback Received	IPOS' Response
The PAF was introduced in 1992. It was scrapped on 31 July 2008. Data from IPOS shows that this scheme was successful in getting Singapore companies to patent their invention. We would like to request for PAF to be re-introduced.	More holistic program in place - IPM for SMEs programme (co-managed by SPRING and IPOS) to encourage and help local enterprises to build capabilities in IP Management.
Looking at the US patent system, they have a system that encourages small inventors to patent their inventions. If the inventors fall within their small entity or micro entity status, they get a 50% or 75% discount on their filing fee.	Productivity and Innovation Credit (PIC) scheme by IRAS to help defray registration costs.  Will take the multi-tier filing fee suggestion into consideration in the next fee review.





## FEEDBACK#6: Incentive for independent Inventors (Comparison to USPTO System)

Looking at the US patent system, they have a system that encourage small inventors to patent their inventions. If the inventors fall within their small entity or micro entity status, they get a 50% or 75% discount on their filing fee.

SIDA like to request IPOS to implement similar type of incentive for small inventors in Singapore.

## Application For Patent

### Non-Provisional Application for a Patent

A nonprovisional application for a patent is made to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and includes:

- (1) A written document which comprises a specification (description and claims);
  - (2) Drawings (when necessary);
  - (3) An oath or declaration; and
  - (4) Filing, search, and examination fees. Fees for filing, searching, examining, issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents are reduced by 50 percent for any small entity that qualifies for reduced fees under 37 CFR 1.27(a), and are reduced by 75 percent for any micro entity that files a certification that the requirements under 37 CFR 1.29(a) or (d) are met.
- Small Entity Status: Applicant must determine that small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27(a) is appropriate before making an assertion of entitlement to small entity status and paying a fee at the 50 percent small entity discount. Fees change each October. Note that by filing electronically via EFS-Web, the filing fee for an applicant qualifying for small entity status is further reduced.
  - Micro Entity Status: Applicant must determine that micro entity status under 37 CFR 1.29(a) or (d) is appropriate before filing the required certification of micro entity status and paying a fee at the 75 percent micro entity discount. The patent forms Web page is indexed under the section titled Forms, Patents on the USPTO website at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov). There are two micro entity certification forms – namely form PTO/SB/15A for certifying micro entity status on the “gross income basis” under 37 CFR 1.29(a), and form PTO/SB/15B for certifying micro entity status on the “institution of higher education basis” under 37 CFR 1.29(d). Effective November 15, 2011, any regular nonprovisional utility application filed by mail or hand-delivery will require payment of an additional \$400 fee called the “non-electronic filing fee,” which is reduced by 50 percent (to \$200) for applicants that qualify for small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27(a) or micro entity status under 37 CFR 1.29(a) or (d). The only way to avoid having to pay the additional \$400 non-electronic filing fee is by filing the regular nonprovisional utility application via EFS-Web.

<http://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/general-information-concerning-patents#heading-11>  
(16 Feb 2015, 4.41pm)

**IPOS comment: IPOS question the effectiveness of implementing similar system in Singapore. IPOS request investigation result with real statistic that show the USA three tiers cost system is effective.**

# USPTO Fee Schedule

Effective January 1, 2014 (Last Revised on January 17, 2015)

The USPTO fee schedule provides information and fee rates for products and services provided by the USPTO. For additional information, please call the USPTO Contact Center at (571) 272-1000 or (800) 786-9109.

## Important Notices

### PCT Fees to Foreign Offices

The following fee codes will change, effective March 1, 2015:

- 1715: International Search (ILPO) — fee decrease from \$969 to \$909
- 1714: International Search (Rospatent) — fee decrease from \$704 to \$598

## Current Fee Schedule

### PATENTS ONLY:

The fees subject to reduction upon establishment of small entity status (37 CFR 1.27) or micro entity status (37 CFR 1.29) are shown in separate columns. Payments from foreign countries must be payable and immediately negotiable in the United States for the full amount of the fee required.

The \$400/\$200 non-electronic filing fee (fee codes 1090/2090 or 1690/2690) must be paid in addition to the filing, search and examination fees, in each original nonprovisional utility application filed in paper with the USPTO. The only way to avoid payment of the non-electronic filing fee is by filing your nonprovisional utility application via EFS-Web. The non-electronic filing fee does not apply to reissue, design, plant, or provisional applications.

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<del>1011/4011/3011</del>	1.16(a)	Basic filing fee - Utility (electronic filing)	<del>280.00</del>	<del>70.00</del>	70.00
1012/2012/3012	1.16(b)	Basic filing fee - Design	180.00	90.00	45.00
1017/2017/3017	1.16(b)	Basic filing fee - Design (CPA)	180.00	90.00	45.00
1013/2013/3013	1.16(c)	Basic filing fee - Plant	180.00	90.00	45.00