

## LIST OF BASIC PROCEDURAL COSTS FOR THE GRANT OF PATENT

<b>COSTS</b>
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### 1. FILING A PATENT APPLICATION

1.200\* HRK / 159,27\* EUR<sup>1</sup>

Basic costs for formal examination relate to an application of up to 30 pages and up to 10 claims

- for each application page above 30 pages

5 HRK / 0,66 EUR<sup>1</sup>

- for each patent claim above 10 claims

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10 HRK / 1,33 EUR<sup>1</sup>

The costs for the first two years of maintaining the patent in value are included in the listed costs.

#### Note:

1. If the patent application is submitted electronically in accordance with special regulations or in digital form in accordance with the technical specifications published on the website of the Office, the costs shall be reduced by 50%.
2. Where the publication of the patent application is required before the expiration of 18 months from the date of its filing, the formal examination costs shall double.
3. After the application has been filed and priority granted, the applicant may optionally request to be issued the Priority Certificate, subject to the coverage of costs of 150 HRK / 19,91 EUR for one copy of the Certificate, and 50 HRK / 6,64 EUR for each additional copy thereof.

### 2. PREPARATION OF A STATE OF THE ART SEARCH REPORT

In order for the patent grant procedure to continue, the applicant must file a request and pay the cost for a state of the art search report. The applicant may request that either the State Intellectual Property Office or the European Patent Office prepare a search report.

1. Preparation of a state of the art search report by the Office

2.000\* HRK / 265,45\* EUR<sup>1</sup>

2. Preparation of a state of the art search report by the EPO

2.468,00 EUR

3. Preparation of a state of the art search report by the EPO for certain categories

493,60\*\* EUR

### 3. PREPARATION OF A WRITTEN OPINION ON PATENTABILITY

800\* HRK / 106,18\* EUR<sup>1</sup>

Simultaneously with the request for a prior art search or 2 months upon submission of that request, the applicant may, if he wishes, request a written opinion on patentability and pay the costs of its preparation.

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**4. REQUEST FOR SUBSTANTIVE EXAMINATION**

(applies to applications filed after the entry into force of the new Patent Act of 20 February 2020.)

1) Substantive examination	1.900* HRK / 252,17* EUR <sup>1</sup>
2) Substantive examination with a previously prepared written opinion on patentability	1.000* HRK / 132,72* EUR <sup>1</sup>

<b>5. PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON THE GRANT OF A PATENT</b>	160* HRK / 21,24* EUR <sup>1</sup>
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<b>6. ISSUE OF THE PATENT SPECIFICATION</b>	300* HRK / 39,82* EUR <sup>1</sup>
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<b>7. ISSUE OF THE PATENT CERTIFICATE</b>	250 HRK / 33,18 EUR <sup>1</sup>
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**8. MAINTENANCE OF A PATENT**

III. year	260* HRK / 34,51* EUR <sup>1</sup>
IV. year	320* HRK / 42,47* EUR <sup>1</sup>
V. year	440* HRK / 58,40* EUR <sup>1</sup>
VI. year	560* HRK / 74,32* EUR <sup>1</sup>
VII. year	640* HRK / 84,94* EUR <sup>1</sup>
VIII. year	820* HRK / 108,83* EUR <sup>1</sup>
IX. year	940* HRK / 124,76* EUR <sup>1</sup>
X. year	1.200* HRK / 159,27* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XI. year	1.500* HRK / 199,08* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XII. year	1.800* HRK / 238,90* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XIII. year	2.100* HRK / 278,72* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XIV. year	2.300* HRK / 305,26* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XV. year	2.600* HRK / 345,08* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XVI. year	3.000* HRK / 398,17* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XVII. year	3.500* HRK / 464,53* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XVIII. year	4.600* HRK / 610,52* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XIX. year	5.800* HRK / 769,79* EUR <sup>1</sup>
XX. year	6.900* HRK / 915,79* EUR <sup>1</sup>

**Note:**

Listed costs are annual and their regular payment is a requirement for maintaining the patent in value. **The annual payment of maintenance costs is paid for the first time for the third year of maintenance**, counting from the day of filing the application - of one's own accord, **without an invitation from the Office**.

If the costs are paid with delay (within an additional six-month period), the prescribed amounts shall be doubled.

\* *The applicant who is also an inventor shall pay all costs marked with an \* in amounts reduced by 50%!*

\*\**The search-fee reduction applies to searches carried out by the EPO on national first patent filings for the following categories of applicants, having their residence or principal place of business in the Republic of Croatia, regardless of nationality: natural persons, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), universities, research centres and not-for-profit organisations*

## LIST OF BASIC PROCEDURAL COSTS FOR ENTERING A EUROPEAN PATENT INTO THE REGISTER (VALIDATIONS)

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| <b>1. REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT INTO THE REGISTER</b>  | 1.000 HRK / 132,72 EUR <sup>1</sup> |
| Costs for publishing in the Official Gazette and printing translations of European patent claims into Croatian                        |                                     |
| <b>2. PUBLISHING AND PRINTING TRANSLATIONS OF PATENT CLAIMS OF AN AMENDED EUROPEAN PATENT INTO CROATIAN OR AN AMENDED TRANSLATION</b> | 800 HRK / 106,18 EUR <sup>1</sup>   |

**Note:**

If the patent application is submitted electronically in accordance with special regulations or in digital form in accordance with the technical specifications published on the website of the Office, the costs shall be reduced by 50%.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

This list specifies only basic procedural costs for the grant, validation and maintenance of a patent. Depending on the applicant's regular obligations settlement during the procedure and on other requests of the applicant, additional costs may arise, which is not specified in this list. Certain categories of applicants are eligible for reduction of costs.

For a full insight into all the prescribed **procedural costs** of the State Intellectual Property Office, please consult:

- *The Regulation on Fees for Proceedings in the Field of Intellectual Property and Professional Services of the State Intellectual Property Office (Official Gazette, No 119/2021)\*.*

\*In accordance with the Act on the Fees in the Field of Intellectual Property (Official Gazette, No 66/2021)