

**JUSTIFICATION FOR NONMATERIAL/NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE**  
**United States Patent and Trademark Office**  
**Admittance to Practice and Roster of Registered Patent**  
**Attorneys and Agents Admitted to Practice Before the**  
**United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**  
**OMB Control Number 0651-0012**  
**(May 2013)**

Background

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is submitting this request to adjust the current inventory estimates for information collection 0651-0012, Admittance to Practice and Roster of Registered Patent Attorneys and Agents Admitted to Practice Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Some fees in 0651-0012 were moved into collection 0651-0072, America Invents Act Section 10 Patent Fee Adjustments (approved by OMB in January 2013). This request is to delete these fees from collection 0651-0012 to avoid double-counting.

This request is only to delete the fee non-hour cost burden; no other information would be adjusted. The items and other burden information would remain as-is in 0651-0012.

The table below details the fees that have been moved to 0651-0072 and are to be deleted from 0651-0012:

**Fees – Non-hour Cost Burden**

Fee Code	Item	Responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total Non-Hour Cost Burden (a) x (b) (c)
<b>ITEMS FOR WHICH FEES CURRENTLY ARE COLLECTED</b>				
9001	Non-Refundable Application Fee for Registration to Practice Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (includes both the computerized exam and the USPTO-administered exam)	4,420	\$40.00	\$176,800.00
9010	Registration examination fee for administration of computerized examination to become a registered patent practitioner administered by a commercial entity (computer exam)	100	\$40.00	\$4,000.00
9013	Written request for reconsideration and further review of disapproval notice of application	30	\$130.00	\$3,900.00
9012	Petition to the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline under 11.12(c)	20	\$130.00	\$2,600.00
9014	Petition for reinstatement after disciplinary removal under 11.7(h)	4	\$1,600.00	\$62,400.00
9020	Delinquency Fee	2,100	\$50.00	\$105,000.00
9004	Administrative Reinstatement Fee (for some but not all)	420	\$100.00	\$42,000.00
<b>Total for Fees Currently Collected</b>				<b>\$396,700.00</b>

Fee Code	Item	Responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total Non-Hour Cost Burden (a) x (b) (c)
<b>ITEMS FOR WHICH FEES CURRENTLY ARE NOT COLLECTED</b>				
9015	Annual Practitioner Maintenance Fee	32,500	\$118.00	\$3,835,000.00
9003	Annual Fee, Limited Recognition	200	\$118.00	\$23,600.00
9016	Annual Fee, Voluntary Inactive Status	2,000	\$25.00	\$50,000.00
9017	Request for restoration to active from voluntary inactive status	700	\$50.00	\$35,000.00
9018	Balance of annual fee due on restoration to active from voluntary inactive status	700	\$93.00	\$65,100.00
<b>Total for Fees Currently Not Collected</b>				<b>\$4,008,700.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,405,400.00</b>

### Summary of Changes

Deletion of \$4,405,400 in filing fees currently accounted for in 0651-0072.

### Changes in Burden

As follows:

Burden Type	Currently Approved	Proposed Change	New Estimates
Responses	93,380	0	93,380
Hours	98,088	0	98,088
Record Keeping Costs	\$126,590	0	\$126,590
Postage	\$21,744	0	\$21,744
Filing Fees	\$5,561,840	(\$4,405,400)	\$1,156,440
Annual (non-hour) Costs	\$5,710,174	(\$4,405,400)	\$1,304,774

The USPTO estimates that deleting these filing fees (currently accounted for in 0651-0072) will reduce the annual (non-hour) cost estimates originally reported for the renewal.

**Consequently, this collection takes a net burden reduction of \$4,405,400 in annual (non-hour) costs as a program change.**

The 0651-0012 revised total burden is as follows:

- 93,380 responses (no change)
- 98,088 burden hours (no change)
- \$1,304,774 in annual (non-hour) costs