

JUSTIFICATION FOR NONMATERIAL/NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE
Patent Processing
OMB Control Number 0651-0031

Background

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is submitting this request to move a fee into information collection 0651-0031: Patent Processing. The fee had been previously housed in information collection 0651-0063 (Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Actions). It was determined that this fee did not belong in this collection and should, instead, be contained in collection 0651-0031. This fee is broken down to reflect the entity status (large, small, or micro) of the respondents.

The fee to be inserted into collection is:

IC #	Item	Respondents (a)	Cost (b)	Total Cost (c) (a) x (b)
32	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b)) (large entity)	1	\$840.00	\$840.00
32	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b)) (small entity)	1	\$420.00	\$420.00
32	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b)) (micro entity)	1	\$210.00	\$210.00
	Total	3		\$1,470.00

Summary of Changes

The addition of one fees to this collection accounts for the addition of 3 respondents and \$1,470 to this collection.

Changes in Burden

Burden Type	Currently Approved	Proposed Change	New Estimate
Responses	740,425	3	740,428
Non-hourly Cost Burden	\$419,737,070.00	\$1,470	\$419,738,540.00

Adding the fee into collection 0651-0031 will increase the annual fee respondent number originally reported in the most recent renewal. Consequently, this collection takes an increase of 3 respondents and \$1,470 in annual (non-hour) cost burden as an administrative adjustment.

The 0651-0031 revised total burden is as follows:

- 740,428 respondents
- \$419,738,540 in annual (non-hourly) cost burden