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On November 14 2016 the Ministry of Finance issued Circular 263/2016/TT-BTC on industrial property charges and fees to replace Circular 22/2009/TT-BTC of February 4 2009, guiding the collection, remittance, management and use of government fees relating to industrial property.

The new circular has increased government fees significantly for many services to be carried out by the National Office of Intellectual Property (NOIP). The most noticeable fee increases are summarised below:

Type of procedures	Type of IP subjects	Government fees		Increase (%)
		Current	New	
Examination	Patent	D612,000 (~US\$27.8)	D940,000 (~US\$42.7)	>53%
	Industrial design	D300,000 (~US\$13.6)	D700,000 (~US\$31.8)	>130%
	Trademark	D360,000 (~US\$16.4)	D670,000 (~US\$30.5)	>86%
Conducting search for examination	Trademark	D84,000 (~US\$3.8)	D160,000 (~US\$7.3)	>90%
Renewal	Industrial design and trademark	D540,000 (~US\$24.5)	D800,000 (~US\$36.4)	>48%
Opposition	Patent, industrial design and trademark	D300,000 (~US\$13.6)	D600,000 (~US\$27.3)	100%
Cancellation	Patent, industrial design and trademark	D180,000 (~US\$8.2)	D210,000 (~US\$9.5)	>16%
Invalidation	Patent, industrial design and trademark	D300,000 (~US\$13.6)	D440,000 (~US\$20)	>46%

There are also some changes in naming the fee items, therefore new application forms will need to be introduced shortly by the NOIP.

The government fees for industrial property filing procedures have not been changed since 2009 and are considerably lower than other countries in the region.

The new government fees took effect from January 1 2017. Vietnamese industrial property filing firms are revising their fee schedules in light of the new fees in order to update their clients and associates of the fee changes.

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