

Patent renewal management

Novagraaf's patent renewals services give customers peace of mind that their patent portfolios are being safely and costeffectively maintained. In order to help companies to securely and efficiently manage annuity payments, while minimising cost and administrative hurdles, Novagraaf offers a number of tailored patent renewal and portfolio management services. As a leader in intellectual property (IP) acquisition, management and enforcement, we can help you to protect and secure your patent assets around the world.

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Companies spend considerable amounts of time and money in the research and development of new products and services. The resulting innovations help them to build and maintain their market share, while the patent portfolios that they develop to protect that innovation represent a core and valuable corporate asset.

To help safeguard that value, companies need the support of a trusted legal adviser who is able to provide a secure and cost-effective patent renewal service in all their markets of operation. Novagraaf's long heritage and global reach enables us to provide a worldwide renewal service for our customers that minimises both cost and administrative demands.

How we can help

We offer our customers a range of patent renewals services, so that they can choose the level of support that best meets their needs. This includes:

Case-by-case reminders

Developed for customers that require case-by-case tracking for each upcoming due date, this renewal reminder service will alert you to upcoming deadlines three months before a renewal payment is due. On receipt of your instruction, we will pay the renewal payment on your behalf within the three-month period. Where an instruction is not received, we will send you a second reminder one month before the due date and, if we have still not heard, we will remind you again (by phone or email) a few days before the due date expires.

Quarterly or annual reminders

Companies with larger patent portfolios will typically not wish to receive case-by-case reminders, but may still wish to review upcoming patent due dates before confirming that they wish a renewal payment to be made. For this reason, we also offer a reminder service that alerts companies to forthcoming due dates on a quarterly or yearly basis. Each reminder will also provide a detailed maintenance cost estimate, based on the number of forthcoming patent renewals becoming due.

Automatic service

Many companies with large and/or business-critical portfolios opt for our automatic renewal service. This service will automatically renew your patent rights on your behalf, rather than requiring you to review and instruct us to make a payment, thereby ensuring that patents are safely maintained. Upon request, we may also provide you with regular statements of upcoming payments, which will give you the opportunity to notify us in advance if you wish to abandon a right or not pay for the renewal.



Simple and easy to use

If you wish to instruct us to manage your patent renewals on your behalf, you simply need to provide us with data on your patent portfolio (including country, filing number, filing date and, if applicable, grant number and grant date). Depending on the country concerned, we may also require additional details.

Upon receipt of this information, we will carry out an integrity check to validate the patent data. This ensures an accurate and reliable integration into our patent renewal management software, and may also alert you to inaccuracies in the records that should be corrected.

Benefit from our economies of scale

Novagraaf's long heritage in the IP portfolio management sector, as well as our global reach, enables us to provide competitive pricing whatever the size or reach of your patent portfolio.

We apply a fixed fee structure for all our patent renewals services, based on the number of cases we manage for you and the level of service you choose. This fixed fee also includes all portfolio management and data updating tasks associated with the renewals process. Our transparent billing policies help you to predict and budget for your future renewals.

What makes us different?

Our global presence and long-standing heritage in this field enables us to offer our customers:

- An extensive range of patent maintenance services, from automatic payments to individualised reminders, enabling you to choose the best level of service for your budget and requirements;
- Access to our worldwide network of efficient and cost-effective agents;
- A transparent cost structure and a free annual estimated budget on request; and
- The support of our dedicated renewal departments, whenever or however you need it.

Further information

To find out more about Novagraaf's services and our pricing structure or if you have any other questions about patent renewals, please contact our experts by email at annuities@novagraaf.com.