

Delaying of Examination Fee Payment for Patent

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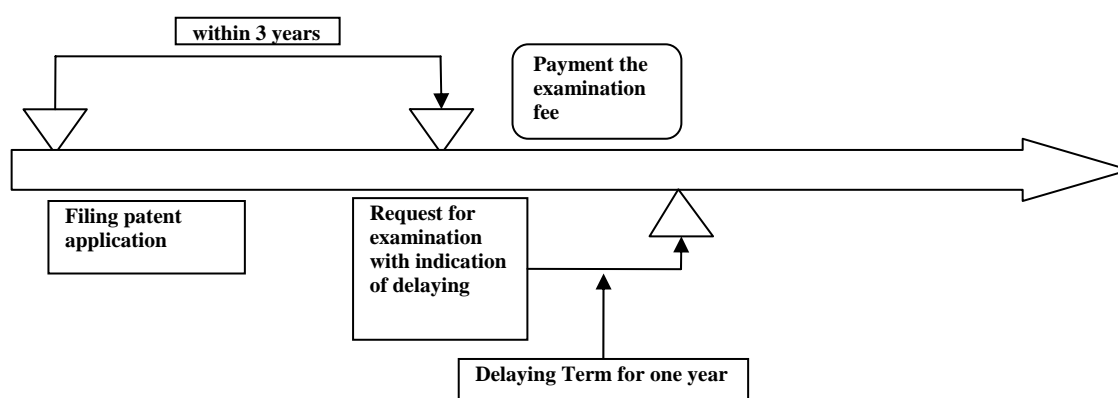
1. Delaying of Examination Fee Payment for Patent Application

Conventionally, examination fee must be paid at the time of request for examination which shall be filed within three years from its filing date. If the request for examination is filed without the fee, Commissioner of Patent Office issues an order to pay the examination fee within 30days from the order. If the applicant do not pay the fee, a request for examination will be declined which leads to withdrawing of an application (if three years has been passed from its filing date).

As of April 1, 2009, in view of recent serious economic recession and to reduce companies' financial load, as an emergency measure, payment of examination fee can be delayed within one year from filing date of a request for examination.

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