

TABLE 2—FILING FEES—Continued

Item No.	Fee code(s)	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
8	6905	Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71 (filed during the statutory period, per international class) (paper).	1	425	425
8	7905	Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71 (filed during the grace period, per international class) (electronic).	1,232	425	523,600
8	6905	Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71 (filed during the grace period, per international class) (paper).	1	625	625
8	6906	Section 71 deficiency fee (electronic)	16	100	1,600
8	6908	Section 71 deficiency fee (paper)	1	200	200
9	7905	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15 (filed during the statutory period, per international class) (electronic).	4,442	575	2,554,150
9	6905	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15 (filed during the statutory period, per international class) (paper).	1	775	775
9	7905	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15 (filed during the grace period, per international class) (electronic).	442	675	298,350
9	6905	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15 (filed during the grace period, per international class) (paper).	1	975	975
10	7005	Petition to the Director for an International Application/Registration (electronic) ..	67	400	26,800
10	6005	Petition to the Director for an International Application/Registration (paper)	1	500	500
10	7954	Request to Record an Assignment or Restriction, or Release of a Restriction, under Sections 7.23 and 7.24 (electronic).	15	100	1,500
10	n/a	Request to Record an Assignment or Restriction, or Release of a Restriction, under Sections 7.23 and 7.24 (paper).	1	200	200
Total			92,185	41,700,625

Postage Costs

Although the USPTO requires that the items in this information collection be submitted electronically, in limited circumstances, responses may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO estimates that 0.01% of the 91,024 items will be submitted in the mail resulting in nine mailed items. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail legal flat-rate envelope, will be \$10.75. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total mailing costs for this information collection at \$97.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Practitioner Conduct and Discipline

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0017 (Practitioner Conduct and Discipline). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comments preceding submission of the information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before May 12, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by

any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov*. Include “0651–0017 comment” in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov*.

- *Mail: Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Dahlia Girgis at: Office of Enrollment and Discipline, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; 571–272–4097; or dahlia.girgis@uspto.gov with “0651–0017 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at www.reginfo.gov under “Information Collection Review.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Director of the USPTO has the authority to establish regulations governing the conduct and discipline of agents, attorneys, or other persons representing applicants and other parties before the USPTO (35 U.S.C. 2, 32–33). The USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct, set forth in 37 CFR part 11, subpart D, prescribe the manner in which agents, attorneys, and other persons (collectively, “practitioners”) representing applicants and other parties before the USPTO should conduct themselves professionally. Part 11 outlines practitioners’ responsibilities for recordkeeping and reporting violations or complaints of misconduct to the

USPTO. Part 11, subpart C sets forth the manner by which the USPTO investigates misconduct and imposes discipline.

The USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct require all practitioners to maintain complete records of all funds, securities, and other properties of clients coming into their possession, and to render appropriate accounts to the client regarding the funds, securities, and other properties of clients coming into the practitioner’s possession, collectively known as “client property.” These recordkeeping requirements are necessary to maintain the integrity of client property. State bars require attorneys to perform similar recordkeeping.

Part 11 also requires a practitioner to report knowledge of certain violations of the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct to the USPTO. The Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) may, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, suspend, exclude, or disqualify any practitioner from further practice before the USPTO based on non-compliance with the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct. Practitioners who have been excluded or suspended from practice before the USPTO, and practitioners transferred to disability inactive status, must maintain records of their compliance with the suspension or exclusion order, or the transfer to disability inactive status. These records are necessary to demonstrate eligibility for reinstatement. Reports of alleged violations of the USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct are used by the Director of OED to conduct investigations and disciplinary hearings, as appropriate.

This information collection covers the various reporting and recordkeeping requirements set forth in part 11 for practitioners representing applicants

and other parties before the USPTO. Also covered are petitions for reinstatement for suspended or excluded practitioners and the means for reporting violations or complaints of misconduct to the USPTO.

II. Method of Collection

Items in this information collection may be submitted as electronic submissions. Applicants may also submit the information in paper form by mail, fax, or hand delivery.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651–0017.

Forms:

- PTO–107R (Reinstatement—Data Sheet—Register of Patent Attorneys and Agents). PTO–107R is also approved for use under USPTO information collection 0651–0012.

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 52,411 respondents.

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Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately one to three hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO. The USPTO also estimates that the required recordkeeping actions will take a practitioner 1 to 20 hours to perform.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 58,187 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$26,009,589.

TABLE 1—TOTAL REPORTING BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO INDIVIDUAL AND HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate ¹ (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Complaint/Violation Reporting	171	1	171	3	513	\$447	\$229,311
2	Petition for Reinstatement Under the Provisions Section 11.60(c).	3	1	3	1	3	447	1,341
	Total	174	174	516	230,652

¹ 2023 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law

Association, pg. F–41. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all

firms, which is \$447 per hour (www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey).

The USPTO Rules of Professional Conduct require practitioner agents to maintain various records to uphold the

integrity of client property and meet other requirements. Additional recordkeeping requirements are also

given for practitioners under suspension or exclusion.

TABLE 2—TOTAL RECORDKEEPING HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO INDIVIDUAL AND HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENTS

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3	Recordkeeping Maintenance and Disclosure.	51,951	1	51,951	1	51,951	\$447	\$23,222,097
4	Recordkeeping Maintenance Regarding Practitioners Under Suspension or Exclusion.	286	1	286	20	5,720	447	2,556,840
	Total	52,237	52,237	57,671	25,778,937

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$5,440. There are no capital startup costs, maintenance costs, or non-hourly recordkeeping costs associated with this

information collection. However, the USPTO estimates that the total annual non-hour cost burden for this information collection, in the form of filing fees and postage, is \$5,440.

Filing Fees

There is one filing fee associated with this information collection. The fee is listed in Table 3 below.

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Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses	Filing fee (\$)	Non-hourly cost burden
			(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)
2	9014	Petition for Reinstatement Under 37 CFR 11.60(c)	3	\$1,806	\$5,418
	Total	3	5,418

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IV. Request for Comments

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

² Ibid.