

**Exemption from fees**

I, FRANCES RODEN, Commissioner of Patents exempt a person from payment of the fee for requesting an extension of time under paragraph 223(2)(b) of the *Patents Act 1990* or under regulation 5.9 of *Patent Regulations 1991* in the following circumstances:

- The applicant or their attorney or representative applies for an extension of time on the basis that they or their client are unable to:
  - fully consider the prosecution of this right, or
  - pay the fee, or
  - undertake another relevant actiondue to the disruptive effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and
- The request is made between 22 April 2020 and 31 May 2020, and
- The request relates to an extension of time of 3 months or less (taking into account any previous extensions), and
- The request does not relate to an extension of time to pay:
  - a continuation fee in the period prescribed under paragraph 142(2)(d) of the *Patents Act 1990*, or
  - a renewal fee in the period prescribed under paragraph 143(a) or paragraph 143A(d) of the *Patents Act 1990*.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020.



Frances Roden

Commissioner of Patents