

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 1 October 2020 and 31 October 2020, and
- The request relates to an extension of time of 3 months or less, 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 11th day of September 2020.



Frances Roden

Commissioner of Patents