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## Changes in EPO Divisional Deadlines – Fees Announced

Following its previous announcement to repeal the 24-month limit on filing divisional <u>applications</u>, on December 13, 2013 the European Patent Office (EPO) <u>announced</u> an updated schedule of fees for filing European patent applications, on or after April 1, 2014. The attached table summarizes the total filing fees for applications filed electronically after that date. As indicated, an increasingly higher fee is applied to subsequent divisional applications filed after a 1st generation divisional application.

Application Type	Filing Fee (Euro)
European Patent application	120
1st generation divisional application	120
generation divisional application	330
3rd generation divisional application	540
4th generation divisional application	750
5th and subsequent generation divisional application	960

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