

# Chapter 2500: Maintenance Fees

## 2501 Introduction

### I. MAINTENANCE FEE BRANCH

### II. OFFICE OF PATENT APPLICATION PROCESSING

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## 2506 Times for Submitting Maintenance Fee Payments

## 2510 Submission of Maintenance Fee Payments and Documents

### I. SUBMISSION OVER THE INTERNET

### II. SUBMISSION BY MAIL

### III. SUBMISSION BY FACSIMILE

### IV. SUBMISSION BY HAND DELIVERY

## 2515 Information Required for Submission of Maintenance Fee Payment

## 2520 Maintenance Fee Amounts

## 2522 Methods of Payment

## 2530 Special Acceptance of Maintenance Fee Payments Containing Informalities

### I. PATENT NUMBER SUPPLIED BUT NO APPLICATION NUMBER SUPPLIED

### II. PATENT NUMBER AND APPLICATION NUMBER SUPPLIED BUT THEY DO NOT CORRESPOND

### III. NO PATENT NUMBER SUPPLIED BUT APPLICATION NUMBER SUPPLIED

## 2531 Payment Late or Insufficient

## 2532 Duplicate Payments

## 2540 Fee Address for Maintenance Fee Purposes

## 2542 Change of Correspondence Address

## 2550 Small Entity Status

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