NOTE: Retrieving information on the registration and duration of term extensions for granted patents consists of two steps. Step 1: Find out the month in which the term extension was registered. Step 2: Determine its duration. (Without a registration date for the term extension, the duration cannot be determined).

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STEP I: FINDING THE REGISTRATION OF A JAPANESE PATENT TERM EXTENSION

1. Move your mouse over here to open the drop-down menu

1a. Click on option «1» to access the JPO's legal status information by number search

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SEARCH SCREEN

2. Select intellectual property type

3. Select the kind of document*

4. Enter the number*

5. Search

*See following slides for explanation of kinds of documents and number formats

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**Input of numbers**

* publication numbers:
  - Syy-nnnnnn
  - Hyy-nnnnnn
  - yyyy-nnnnnn (from 2000)

* patent numbers:
  - nnnnnnn

y... 2-digit Japanese year*

y... 4-digit Western year

n... serial number

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**Conversion rule:**

Showa year (S) + 25 = Western year

Heisei year (H) + 88 = Western year

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**Japanese imperial years:**

**SHOWA (S) 昭和**

reign of Emperor Hirohito

(1926 to 1989)

**HEISEI (H) 平成**

reign of Emperor Akihito

(1989 to date)

**NOTE:** Showa 64 = Heisei 01 = 1989!

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**Example:**

引用文献記事

引用文献
引用文献名称
29条2項 特開平 1-15799 裁決公報
29条2項 特開昭 61-56137
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引用文献
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10.7.21 should be understood as:
21 July of the year Heisei 10 (= 1998)
LEGAL STATUS INFORMATION
(FIRST RESULTS SCREEN)

6. Click here to access the legal status

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BASIC INFORMATION (BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA)

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INFORMATION ON PATENT TERM EXTENSION

expiry date after extension: 24 April 2012 *
(2012 = Japanese year Heisei 24; date format to be read as yy/mm/dd)

patent term extension granted on 10 September 2002 *
(2002=Japanese year Heisei 14; date format to be read as yy/mm/dd)

*NOTE: All dates are given in Japanese imperial years. For detailed explanation on how to convert these into Western years, see slide on number formats.

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2. Enter the date range that was determined in the previous step (only possible on a monthly basis)

3. Select the correct category from the drop-down menu (details next slide)

4. Click here to start the search

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SEARCH SCREEN (II)

5. Select the correct category from the drop-down menu

"Registration of an extension of the term of a patent right"

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RESULTS SCREEN

6. Click here to go to the results list

Results of the search: 7 documents

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7. Scroll down to see all 7 documents of the results list
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