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#### What are the fees for registering a trademark in Tanzania and Zanzibar ?

The cost to obtain a trademark registration is dependent upon several factors. The factor that typically determines the cost is how many products and/or services you need to include in your trademark application. At ABC Attorneys, we offer an affordable flat fee trademark registration packages. This flat fee provides our clients with a comprehensive consultation time with an attorney, and, the preparation and filing of a trademark application.

Government fees below are the basic registration (official) fee of a trade or service mark with the BRELA:

#### Tanzania(Tanganyika) Trademark Registration Fees

Application Fee	TZS. 50,000 or 25 USD
Advertisement Fee	TZS. 15,000 or 8 USD
Registration Form TM/SM 8	TZS. 60,000 or 30 USD
Maintenance Fee	TZS. 5,000 or 3 USD

However Professional fees vary significantly depending on various factors. Contact us for our professional fees.

#### Zanzibar Trademark Registration Fees:

Application Fee	TZS. 75,000 or 36 USD
Advertisement Fee	TZS. 15,000 or 8 USD
Registration Form TM/SM 8	TZS. 70,000 or 36 USD

#### Is Getting Legal Help with Your Trademark Application Important?

Our Lawyers at ABC Attorneys can help you before, during, and after the trademark application process. A skilled lawyer will be able to explain the benefits of Tanzania trademark registration and suggests resources if you need help with your application. Having a trademark as part of your business plan is critical to your success in Tanzania.



### **How long does it take to obtain a trademark registration in Tanzania?**

The process to register a federal trademark generally takes 3 to 6 months from start to finish. With that said, many trademark applications will receive an “Office Action” during the application process. The issuance of an Office Action can slow the process down by several months.

### **Can you claim priority in Tanzania?**

An applicant for registration of a mark who wishes to claim priority based on an earlier application filed in a country that has ratified the Paris Convention, within six months of the date of such earlier application, append to his application

- a written declaration indicating the date and number of the earlier application;
- the name of the applicant and the country in which he or his predecessor in title filed such application; and
- must, before the publication of the application, furnish a copy of the earlier application certified as correct by the appropriate authority of the country in which it was filed.

### **What is a trademark monitoring service?**

A trademark monitoring service can notify you of trademark applications by third parties that may be similar to your trademarks. We offer trademark monitoring services in Tanzania with reports given each month. We monitor the registry documents and products in the market.

### **When do you need a trademark monitoring service?**

If you are concerned about others trying to register trademarks that are too close to yours, then a trademark monitoring service allows you to keep track of trademark filings by others so that you can take appropriate action in a timely manner.

A monitoring service differs from a trademark watch service which tracks the status and progress of a particular trademark application. If you are concerned about a specific trademark filing, then a watch service may be appropriate.

### **What can you do to block others from registering a similar trademark?**

You may be able to file a protest if the trademark application has not yet been published for opposition. If a trademark application is currently in the publication window, you can file a



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notice of opposition. If an application has already passed its publication period, you will need to wait for the application to register at which point you may file a cancellation action.