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**Title:** Lapsed patents

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**Information request:**

For each of the latest 3 years for which you have information:

In each of those years, how many patents had the status of *not renewed at the end of the Section 25(4) period*?

How many applications for restoration of a lapsed patent were made in each of those years?

How many lapsed patents were restored during each of those years?

**Information released:**

Patents that had the status of *not renewed* at the end of the Section 25(4) period:

2017: 68349 (62400 EP, 5949 GB)

2018: 72956 (67552 EP, 5404 GB)

2019: 83225 (78514 EP, 4711 GB)

Applications for restoration of a lapsed patent made in each of those years:

2017: 189 (111 EP, 80 GB)

2018: 151 (95 EP, 56 GB)

2019: 189 (116 EP, 73 GB)

Lapsed patents were restored during each of those years:

2017: 168 (101 EP, 67 GB)

2018: 145 (86 EP, 59 GB)

2019: 151 (103 EP, 48 GB)

Please note that these are restorations allowed in a given year and they do not relate directly to the number of applications for restoration in that year (e.g. this does not mean that in 2017 21 applications for restoration were refused). Restoration proceedings may be carried out over several years, such that applications for restoration allowed in one year relate to applications for restoration made in previous years.