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Startup Fee Concession Checklist

Foreign companies may qualify for India's reduced trademark government fee as a “Startup” by declaration under Rule 2(1)(x) of the Trade Marks Rules, 2017. Use this checklist to confirm eligibility and gather the documents. The accuracy of the declaration is the applicant's responsibility.

Eligibility — every answer must be Yes

- ☐ The applicant is a body corporate: a company, LLP, or partnership (or the equivalent form in its country of incorporation).
- ☐ It was incorporated or registered less than 10 years ago.
- ☐ Its turnover has not exceeded INR 200 crore (about USD 22–24 million) in any financial year since incorporation, converted at Reserve Bank of India reference rates.
- ☐ It was not formed by splitting up or reconstructing a business that already existed.
- ☐ An authorised signatory (director or equivalent officer) is available to sign the declaration.

Documents to send us

1. The signed **Declaration of Startup Eligibility** (our template), printed on your company letterhead.
2. Your **certificate of incorporation or registration**, with a certified English translation if it is not in English.
3. **Turnover evidence**: audited financial statements, or a certificate from your accountant or auditor, covering each financial year since incorporation.

Please note

- The declaration is made by the applicant and the responsibility for it rests with the applicant. The Trade Marks Registry may ask for proof; an incorrect fee category can lead to a deficiency notice and payment of the fee difference.
- Deep-tech startups may qualify for longer and higher limits (20 years, INR 300 crore). Ask us if you think this applies.

If every answer is Yes, complete the Declaration of Startup Eligibility template and share the signed pack with your GTC attorney when they request it.