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Fee Strategies of the JPO

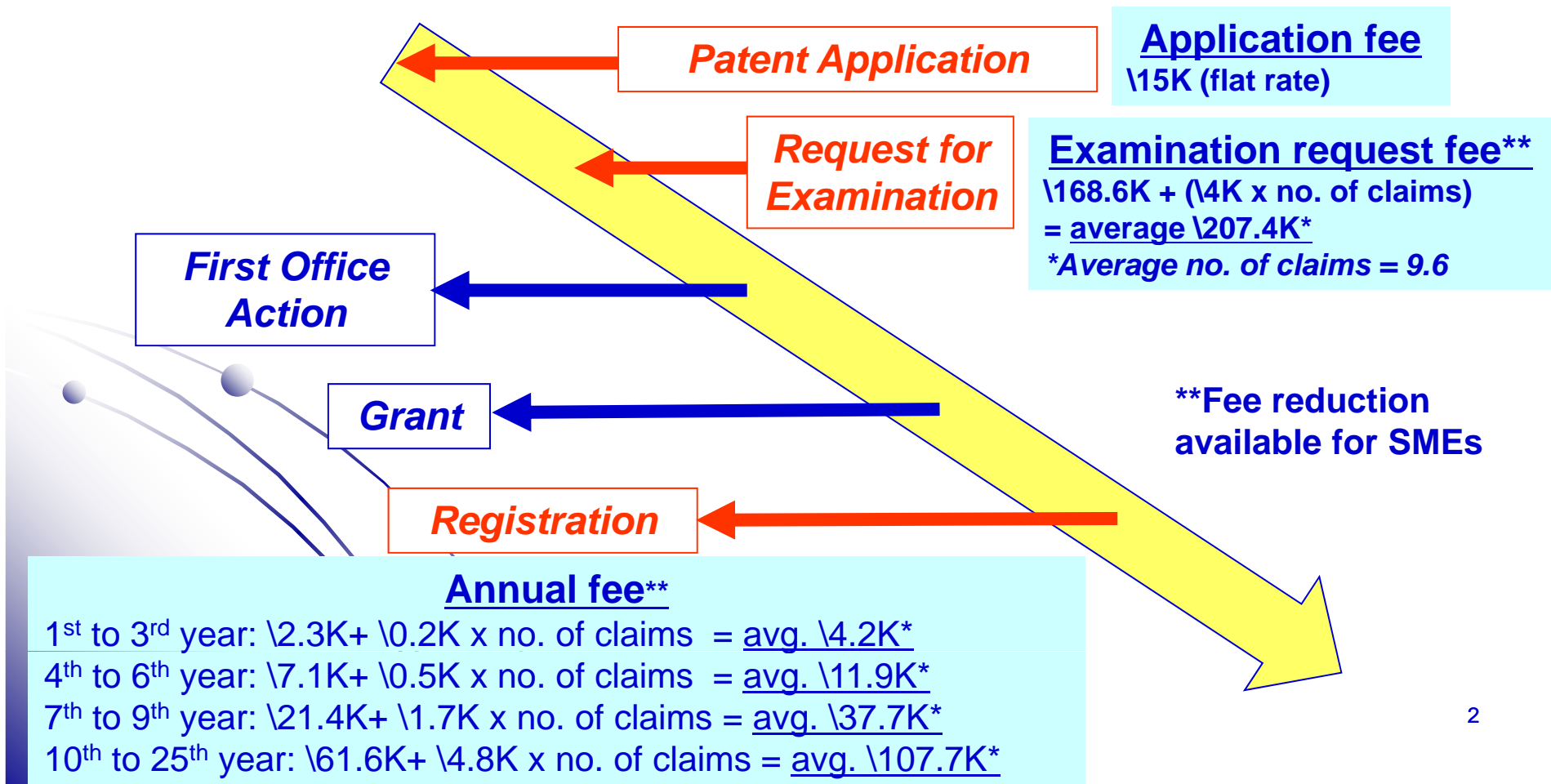
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Outline

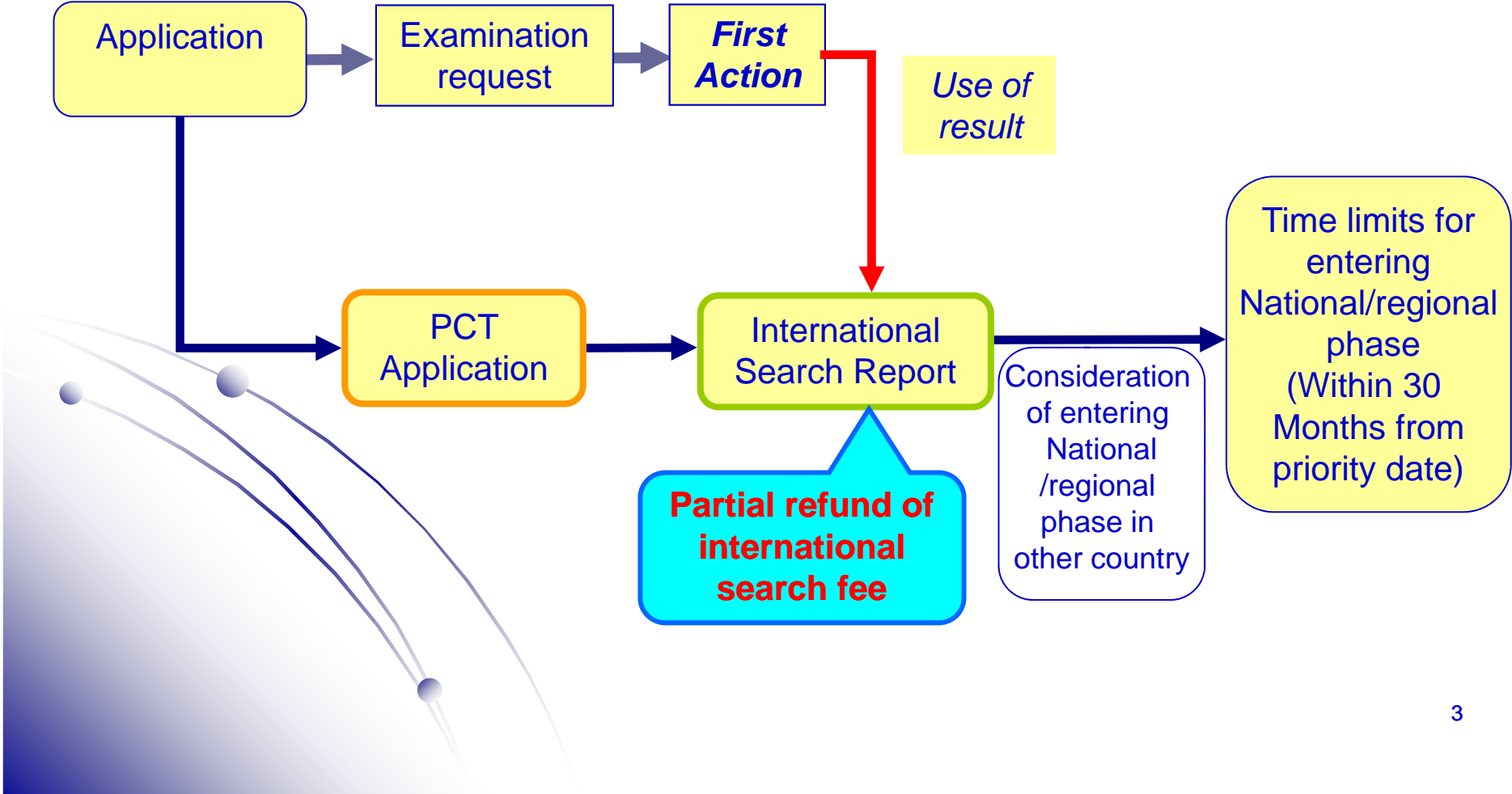
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4. Examination request fee half refund system

1. Fee system of the JPO

- Fees at the JPO are set in order to compensate the necessary expense at the JPO as a whole.
 - Application fee and examination request fee : the actual cost for the process
 - Patent fee : the cost for administration at the JPO
- Revision based on anticipated income and payment at the JPO in the medium- and long-term

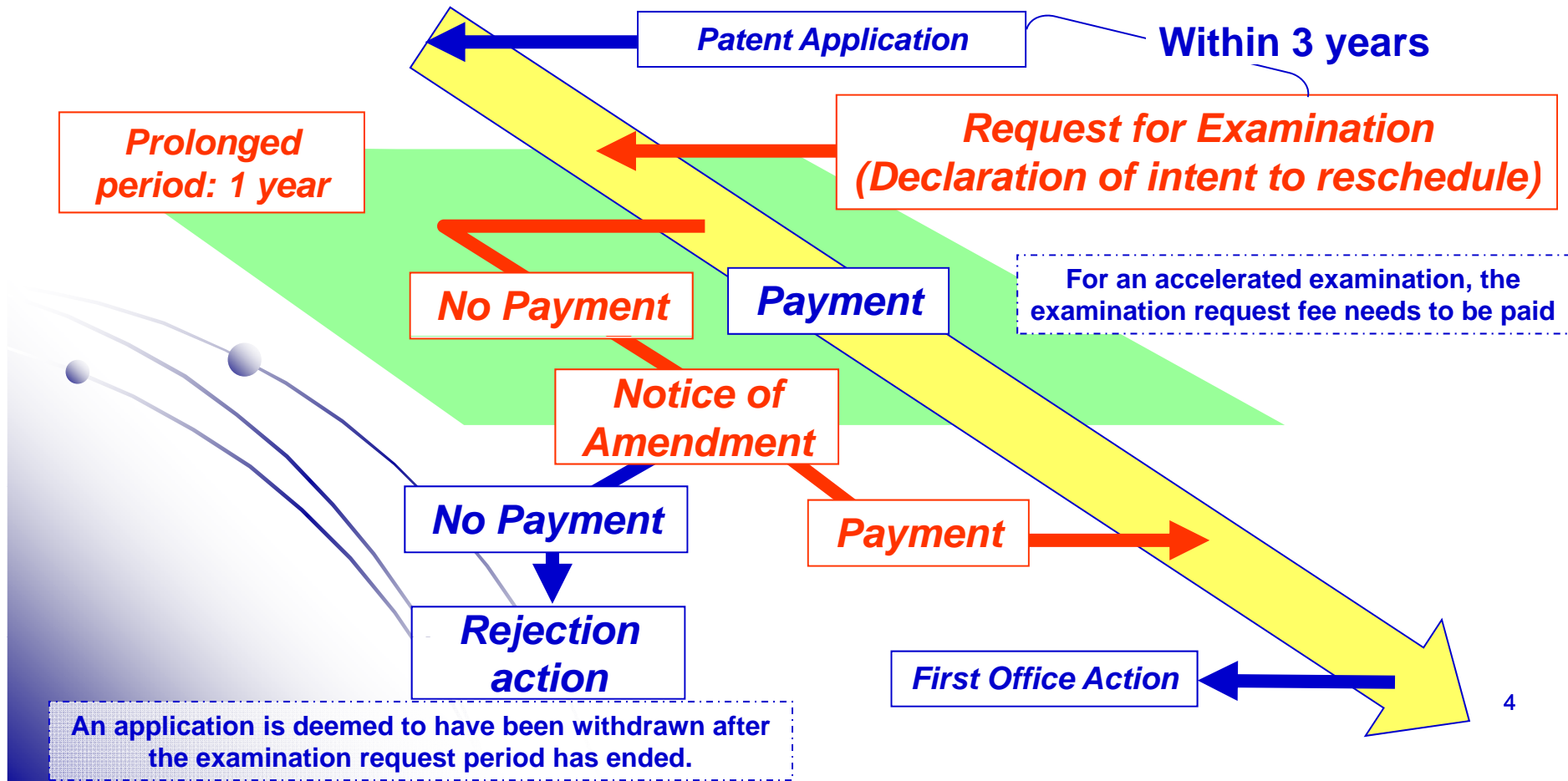


2. Partial refund of international search fee

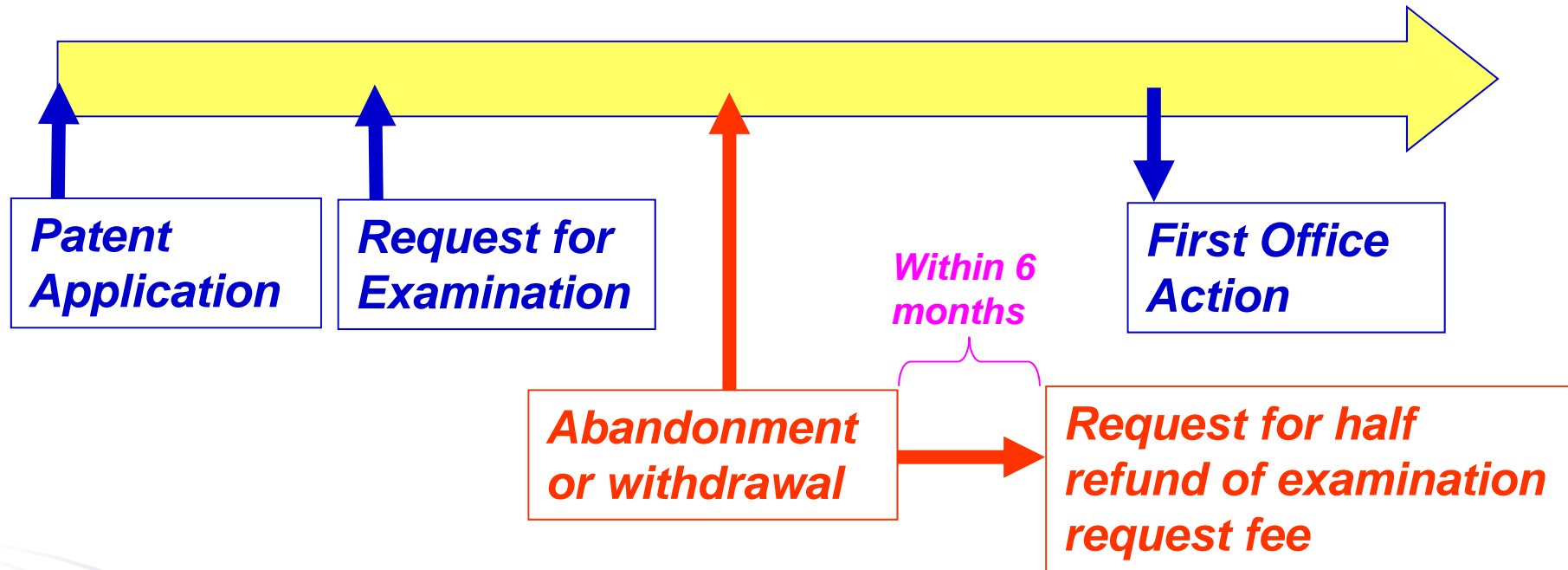


3. Prolongation of the examination request fee payment

- Various merits
- Payment may be made at a later date (enhanced cash flow)
- The need for requesting an examination may be reviewed over a year (cost reduction)
- Payment is made after viewing business trends



4. Examination request fee half refund system(1)

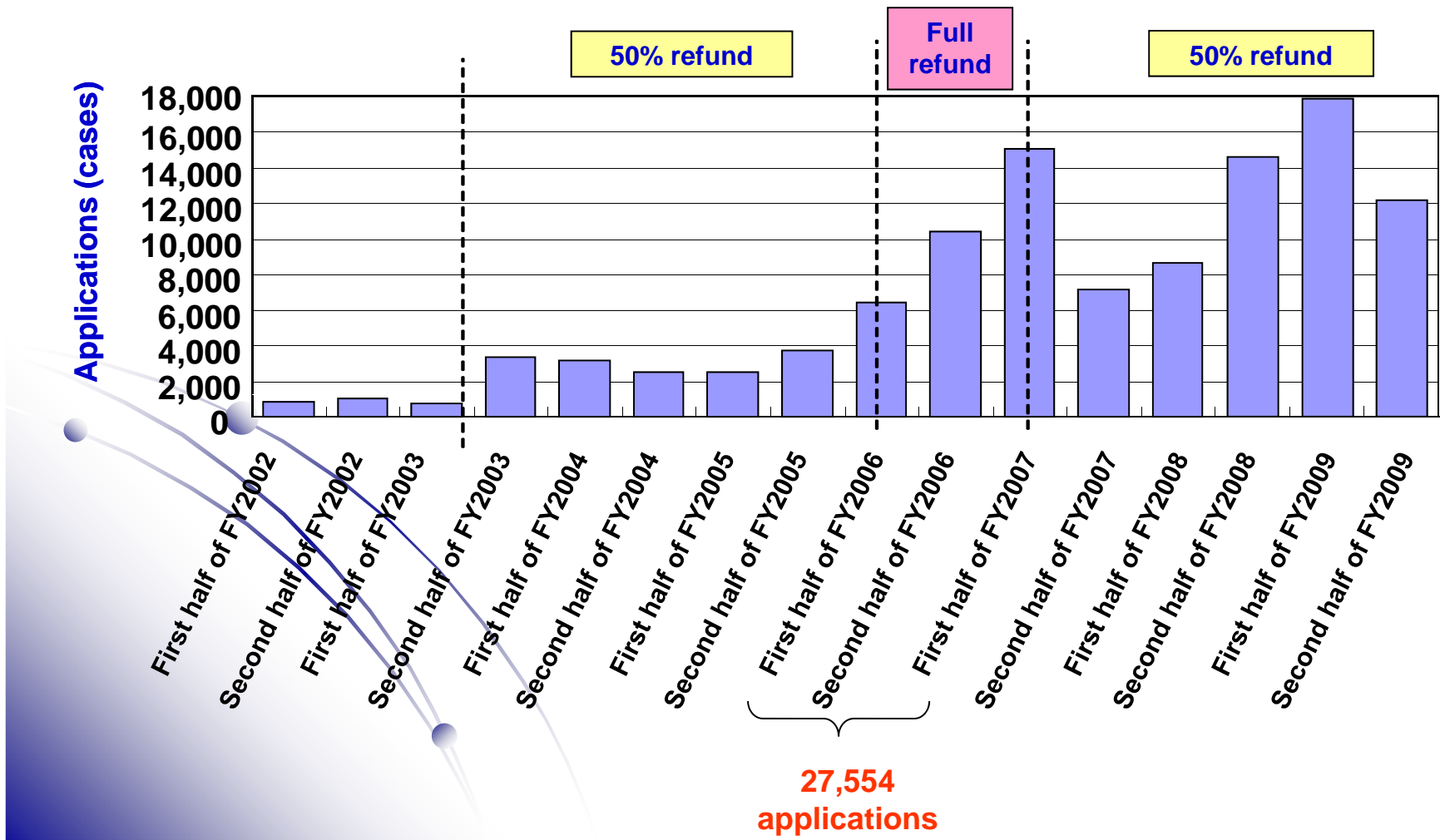


Requirements:

- *Abandonment or withdrawal of application before first office action*
- *Request for half refund within 6 months from the abandonment or withdrawal*

4. Examination request fee half refund system(2)

Changes in the number of applications withdrawn and abandoned before First Action



Conclusion

Fee system of the JPO leads to

1. Reduction of unnecessary examination
2. Promotion of Work Sharing



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