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These are the fees for the licence the furniture QCO requires for each of its six products. BIS lists them in its product certification FAQ (Q14) and its Guidelines for Grant of Licence of February 25, 2026.

BIS fees for a Scheme-I furniture licence

Fee	Amount	When you pay	Source
Application fee	₹1,000 per application	With the application, online on Manak Online	BIS FAQ, Q7 and Q14
Inspection fee	₹7,000 per man-day	Before BIS's preliminary factory visit	BIS FAQ, Q14; Guidelines, para 12
Annual minimum marking fee, first half	50% of the product's annual minimum	With the application	Guidelines, para 14(a)
Annual minimum marking fee, balance	The other 50%, or more for a licence granted for over a year	At grant of licence	Guidelines, para 14(a)
Annual licence fee	₹1,000 a year	After BIS decides to grant	BIS FAQ, Q14

The steps for applying are on our page on how to get the licence these fees pay for.

What is the annual minimum marking fee for each furniture product?

On BIS's September 2026 list, the annual minimum marking fee for the six furniture standards runs from ₹1,33,000 to ₹2,93,000 for a large enterprise and from ₹26,600 to ₹58,600 for a micro one. Work chairs (IS 17631) carry the highest fee and tables and desks (IS 17633) the lowest.

Annual minimum marking fee by enterprise size, BIS list of September 2026

Standard	Large	Medium	Small	Micro	Unit rate
IS 17631 Work chairs	₹2,93,000 a year	₹2,35,000 a year	₹1,46,500 a year	₹58,600 a year	₹4.90 per piece
IS 17632 General purpose chairs and stools	₹2,47,000 a year	₹1,98,000 a year	₹1,23,500 a year	₹49,400 a year	₹41.20 per 100 pieces
IS 17633 Tables and desks	₹1,33,000 a year	₹1,07,000 a year	₹66,500 a year	₹26,600 a year	₹44.35 per 100 pieces
IS 17634 Storage units	₹2,23,000 a year	₹1,79,000 a year	₹1,11,500 a year	₹44,600 a year	₹1.45 per piece
IS 17635 Beds	₹2,06,000 a year	₹1,65,000 a year	₹1,03,000 a year	₹41,200 a year	₹6.90 per piece
IS 17636 Bunk beds	₹1,61,000 a year	₹1,29,000 a year	₹80,500 a year	₹32,200 a year	₹4.45 per piece

Small enterprises pay half the large fee and micro enterprises one fifth, as the column heads of BIS's marking fee list say. The unit rate is a rate per unit marked.

The minimum is a floor. At renewal you pay the unit rate on the units you marked or the minimum, whichever is higher (Guidelines, Annexure-V, para 6). The first renewal counts units marked in the licence's first nine months; later renewals count twelve months (para 7).

Our arithmetic from the list: at ₹4.90 a chair, a large work-chair maker's unit-rate fee passes the ₹2,93,000 minimum at about 59,800 chairs marked in the period BIS counts (₹2,93,000 divided by ₹4.90).

Is there a fee concession for micro and small businesses?

Yes. BIS notified a concession on March 17, 2026 (CMD-2/G-18, in the Gazette on March 23, 2026). Until May 31, 2029, micro enterprises and start-ups pay 20% of the large-enterprise annual minimum marking fee and small enterprises pay 50%. A woman entrepreneur's enterprise gets a further 10% off the fee for its size.

Note 3 of the notification, for micro enterprises, reads: "From the date of this notification till 31 May 2029, a concession of 80% in the annual minimum marking fee payable by the large scale enterprises shall be applicable." Notes 4 and 5 set 50% for small enterprises and 80% for start-ups. Note 6 adds a further 10% for a woman entrepreneur's enterprise, whether micro, small or medium.

The concession applies to the annual minimum marking fee only. The micro and small columns in the table above are these same fractions of the large fee.

PIB Chennai reported the extension as a proposal on January 27, 2026, with a 20% cut for medium enterprises too. The March 17, 2026 notification gives medium enterprises no cut of their own beyond the 10% for a woman entrepreneur's enterprise. Whether your business counts as micro or small is on our page on the furniture QCO for MSMEs.

What makes the BIS certification cost for furniture vary?

Three things move the total: how many product standards and factories you license, how many model families need lab tests, and how many units you mark. The application, licence and minimum marking fees are fixed amounts. Inspection days, lab charges and the unit-rate marking fee change with your products and output.

Which costs are fixed and which vary

Cost	Fixed or varies	What changes it
Application fee	Fixed: ₹1,000 per application	One application for each product standard at each factory (BIS FAQ, Q10 and Q11)

Inspection fee	Varies: ₹7,000 per man-day	Visit length: normally one day at an Indian factory, more where BIS approves extra days or witnesses extra tests (Guidelines, paras 5(a), 5(b) and 5(e)(ii))
Lab testing	Varies: paid to the lab	Number of model families, one lead model tested per family (product manuals, Annex A); under option 1 you pay for testing the samples BIS draws (Guidelines, para 15(a))
Annual minimum marking fee	Fixed for each standard and size: ₹26,600 to ₹2,93,000 a year	Product standard and enterprise size, with the concession for micro, small, start-up and women entrepreneurs' enterprises until May 31, 2029
Unit-rate marking fee	Varies: a rate per unit marked	Units you mark; you pay it only where it exceeds the minimum (Guidelines, Annexure-V, para 6)
Renewal	Varies with the period you choose	Renewal for up to five years from the licence's last date of validity (BIS FAQ, Q18), with production details so BIS can work out the actual marking fee (Q19)
New models later	Varies: no charge for a less adverse model in a tested family	Whether BIS accepts the new model as less adverse than the family's tested lead model; a new family or lead model follows Regulation 10 of Scheme-I (for work chairs, PM/IS 17631/3, Annex A, para 5)

Tables and desks (IS 17633) and storage units (IS 17634) are on BIS's option-2 list (Guidelines, Annexure-II(C), items 804 and 805). Under option 2 you apply with a lab's test report, and the minimum marking fee covers testing BIS's verification sample (paras 4(b) and 15(b)).

Two rules shape testing. BIS's January 2026 product manuals for the six standards let one lead model, the most adverse, cover each family (Annex A). And since December 16, 2025, BIS hasn't required an in-house lab; you can use a shared, cluster or outside lab (circular CMD-I/2:4:1, paras 1 and 4).

BIS's lab directory (LIMS) listed 16 to 18 recognized labs for each furniture standard on October 28, 2026, each with its testing charges. None was a National Test House lab, where registered MSMEs get 15% off testing (Lok Sabha Unstarred Question 2075, February 12, 2026).

What does BIS charge a foreign furniture factory?

BIS charges a foreign furniture factory the same fees as an Indian one, plus visit costs. You pay ₹1,000 to apply and ₹7,000 per man-day for every visit, plus ticket, visa and insurance. Add a ₹10,000 contingency fund, a ₹1,000 annual licence fee and the marking fee. Factories outside the SAARC countries pay the US dollar equivalent.

BIS fees under the Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS)

Fee	Amount	Item on BIS's FMCS fee list
Application fee	₹1,000, non-refundable	A-1.1
Special visit charges	₹7,000 per man-day, plus ticket, visa, insurance and per-diem charges	A-1.2, B-5 and the list's opening note
Contingency fund	₹10,000, payable on top of the fees	The list's opening note
Annual licence fee	₹1,000 a year	B-1
Renewal application fee	₹1,000 per renewal, non-refundable	B-2
Late renewal fee	₹5,000 per late renewal	B-3
Adding varieties	₹5,000 per variety, or per group where grouping guidelines exist	B-6
Marking fee and testing	As applicable: the marking fee from BIS's list, testing paid to the lab	B-4, A-1.3 and B-8

A visit to a foreign factory normally lasts two days (Guidelines, para 5(a)). Foreign applications always go through option 1 (para 3(f)), so you send the samples BIS draws to a lab in India and pay the testing charges (FMCS FAQ 11).

Before grant, you pay the licence fee and the advance minimum marking fee. After grant, you sign an agreement and an indemnity bond and give a performance bank guarantee of USD 10,000 from a bank with an RBI-approved branch in India (FMCS grant of licence page). The guarantee isn't on BIS's FMCS fee list.

Factories in SAARC countries may pay in rupees with GST, as applicable, or in dollars. Bank charges and exchange-rate differences are yours to cover (FMCS fee list, Notes 1 and 2). The whole route is on our page on BIS certification for foreign furniture manufacturers.

What do the related furniture orders cost?

Two separate orders touch furniture, and their standards carry their own marking fees. Upholstered composites for non-domestic furniture (IS 15768) run from ₹2,26,000 a year for a large enterprise to ₹45,200 for a micro one. The appliances order lists motorized furniture under IS 302 (Part 1), at ₹2,41,000 a year for a large enterprise's first appliance.

Annual minimum marking fee for upholstered composites, BIS list of September 2026

Standard	Large	Medium	Small	Micro	Unit rate
IS 15768 Upholstered composites for non-domestic furniture	₹2,26,000 a year	₹1,81,000 a year	₹1,13,000 a year	₹45,200 a year	₹16.15 per 100 sq m

For motorized parts, BIS's notification of June 10, 2026 sets the IS 302 (Part 1) fee for a large enterprise at ₹2,41,000 for the first appliance and ₹50,000 for each further one, and for a medium one at ₹1,93,000 and ₹50,000. The unit rate is ₹1.00 per piece (serial numbers 1502, 1511 and 1641).

The orders are S.O. 3916(E) for upholstered composites and S.O. 1739(E), item 81, for furniture with electrically motorized parts. The upholstery order is explained on our page on BIS certification for furniture materials and upholstery.

For help applying these fees to your own product range, see regulatory and trade advisory.

Frequently asked questions

Does the concession cover testing or inspection?

No. The March 17, 2026 notification cuts only the annual minimum marking fee (Notes 3 to 6). The application, inspection and licence fees are the same for every size, and lab charges are paid to the lab.

Do medium enterprises pay less than large ones?

Yes. BIS's list sets a separate medium figure for each standard, for example ₹2,35,000 against ₹2,93,000 for work chairs (IS 17631). The 2026 concession gives medium enterprises nothing more, except the further 10% for a woman entrepreneur's enterprise.

When is the marking fee paid?

Half the annual minimum marking fee goes with the application and the balance at grant, more if BIS grants the licence for over a year (Guidelines, para 14(a)). If BIS rejects or closes the application, it returns the advance (para 14(b)).

Do I pay the minimum marking fee if I mark nothing?

Yes. BIS's grant letter says the minimum marking fee is payable whether or not you mark your products with the Standard Mark (Guidelines, Annexure-V, para 5).

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