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Advanced PCT Seminar at WIPO Headquarters – Reminder

As previously announced, an advanced PCT seminar will be held at WIPO Headquarters in Geneva (and online) on 13 and 14 October 2025. The program will be conducted by the PCT staff of the International Bureau, with a guest speaker from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The seminar is aimed at patent administrators, practitioners, and other users who are already familiar with the PCT system and who are looking to deepen their knowledge, gain best practice tips and stay informed about the latest developments in the PCT system.

The first day will be offered in hybrid format, covering topics on best practices during the international phase and particular issues concerning entry into the national phase. The second day will include hands-on workshops on legal and processing issues, an ePCT clinic and visits with the PCT Operations Teams will be offered to participants attending in person.

There is no fee for registration for the two-day seminar, available at:

https://surveys.wipo.int/s3/PCT-advanced-seminar-Meetings-page

The deadline for registration to participate in person is by close of business (CEST) on 6 October 2025 and for online participation by 12 October 2025.

The full program is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/pct/en/wipo_pct_ge_25/wipo_pct_ge_25_www_650092.pdf

For more information on attending in person or online, please send an email to:

pct.training@wipo.int

Modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT

The Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been modified, with effect from 1 January 2026, in order to implement amendments to Rules 34, 36 and 63 of the Regulations under the PCT which set out a revised definition of the minimum documentation that an International Searching Authority is required to consult during international search, along with changes to the minimum requirements that an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority needs to satisfy before it may be appointed and that it needs to continue to satisfy during its appointment.

Don’t miss out on our upcoming PCT Seminars, Webinars, and other PCT-related events – consult the PCT Seminar Calendar in this issue!

The text of modified Sections 116 and 521 of the Administrative Instructions, which enter into force on 1 January 2026, was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 4 September 2025, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/official-notices/index

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 January 2026, which includes those modifications, will be available on the PCT website, at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/index

WIPO 2025 PCT User Survey

In order to regularly assess customer satisfaction with all aspects of the PCT, WIPO will shortly be conducting its biennial survey of the user community. The input received from PCT users about their satisfaction with WIPO's PCT services is extremely valuable to us. We encourage you to take the time to provide us with your feedback by participating in the survey, which will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Eligibility for Reductions in Certain PCT Fees

The lists of States discussed below, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for certain PCT fee reductions, have been updated with effect from 1 July 2025.

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the European Patent Office (EPO)

It is recalled that the fees for international search, supplementary international search and international preliminary examination are reduced by 75% if the international application, the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed:

1. by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a state which is not a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention, and which on the date of filing of the application, or of payment of the supplementary international search or the international preliminary examination fee, is classified by the World Bank as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy; or

2. by a natural or legal person who is a national of and resident in a State in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force.[1]

Namibia has been added to the list of States which fall under 1., and Cabo Verde and Samoa have been removed from the list. For detailed lists, consult:

https://link.epo.org/web/low_income_states_en.pdf

Applicability of 75% reduction in certain fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

It is recalled that the search fee and preliminary examination fee payable to the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office are reduced by 75% if the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides

[1] For further information, please refer to the Official Journal of the EPO, July 2025 at: https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/2025/07/a54.html

in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low-income”, “lower-middle-income” or “upper-middle-income”.

Costa Rica, which has now been classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “high income”, has been removed from the list of States whose nationals and residents may be eligible for this fee reduction.

The lists of States, the nationals and/or residents of which are eligible for a 75% reduction in international search and preliminary examination fees at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/fees/oepm_fee_reduction

Notifications by Offices under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*)

It is recalled that in July 2024, the PCT Assembly adopted amendments to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1 allowing Offices, other than the International Bureau (IB), to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months. The new Rule 89bis.1(d-*bis*), which entered into force on 1 July 2025 states:

“A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette.”

MX Mexico

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, with effect from 18 November 2025, it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents in electronic form or by electronic means.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (MX))

QA Qatar

In accordance with PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*bis*), the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB that, with effect from 14 October 2025, it will only receive international applications and related subsequently-filed documents in electronic form or by electronic means.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annex C (QA))

Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications

Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) no longer accepting use of EPO online filing software to file international applications

The Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau (IB) under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that, with effect from 1 October 2025, it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO

online filing software. The Office accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and PRH Patent Service.

The revised notification containing the requirements and practices of the Office with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form was published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* on 18 September 2025 at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/official-notices/index

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (FI))

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

It is recalled that, by using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the International Bureau (IB) to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document, instead of providing or arranging for the provision of a certified copy. Note that, in order to be able to make use of the DAS service, it is the Office with which the earlier application was filed which needs to be a DAS depositing Office, and not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay)

The National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay) has notified the IB that, with effect from 15 September 2025, it commenced operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of DAS. As a depositing Office, it will deposit, as priority documents, certified copies of patent applications on or after 15 September 2025, which the applicant specifically requests be made available to the service; as an accessing Office it will recognize priority documents available to it through the service for the purposes of any application for which the time limit for furnishing the priority document has not expired by 15 September 2025.

The corresponding DAS Notification, which contains further information, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=180

Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)

The Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 September 2025, it commenced operation as an accessing Office of DAS. As an accessing Office, it will recognize priority documents available to it through DAS for the purposes of national patent applications filed on or after 1 September 2025.

The corresponding DAS Notification, which contains further information, is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=149

Global Innovation Index

The 2025 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) is now available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/global-innovation-index/2025/index

The GII ranks world economies according to their innovation capabilities. Consisting of roughly 80 indicators, grouped into innovation inputs and outputs, the GII aims to capture the multi-dimensional facets of innovation.



This edition finds that Switzerland, Sweden, the United States of America (US), the Republic of Korea and Singapore top GII 2025 ranking, followed by the United Kingdom, Finland, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), Denmark and China, which breaks into the top 10 for the first time. Meanwhile, slowing growth in innovation investments is clouding the innovation forecast.

A summary of the findings of the new edition of the GII was published in Press Release PR/2025/940, at:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2025/article_0009.html

PCT Information Update

BG Bulgaria (means of telecommunication; who can act as agent)

The Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria has notified the International Bureau (IB) of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – with effect from 20 October 2023, the original of a document must be furnished within 14 days of the date of its transmission, instead of one month.

There has also been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office. With effect from 27 October 2020, an agent is not required by the Office if the applicant resides in Bulgaria, in another member State of the European Union, in another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or in Switzerland.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B and C (BG))

JP Japan (fees)

As from 1 October 2025, there will be a change in the equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet over 30, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, as well as a change in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the applicable fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in Fee Table I(a).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (JP))

LU Luxembourg (who can act as agent; national security provisions)

There has been a change in the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) as receiving Office – any patent agent registered to practice in

Luxembourg or any member of the Luxembourg Bar, as well as any patent agent registered and resident in a member State of the European Economic Area may now act as such.

The Office has also provided details to the International Bureau (IB) concerning restrictions in its national legislation which are applicable when filing international applications with other Offices. Please refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (LU), and the table entitled "International applications and national security considerations" at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/texts/nat_sec

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B and Annex C (LU))

SK Slovakia (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 July 2025:

Transmittal fee:

– online filing:	EUR	45
– paper filing:	EUR	90
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	210

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SK))

TR Türkiye (fees)

The amounts of several components of the national fee, payable to the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) as designated (or elected) Office, have changed. The new amounts, applicable since 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Filing fee:

For patents	TRY	13,460
For utility model:	TRY	8,420
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	3,150

Renewal fee for third year:

For patents	TRY	3,150
For utility model:	TRY	2,710
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	13,280

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Summary (TR))

Handling fee (Japan Patent Office)

As from 1 October 2025, there will be a change in the equivalent amount of the handling fee, payable in JPY to the Japan Patent Office (JPO) as International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The new amount will be JPY 36,500.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E (JP))

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (various Offices)

As from 1 October 2025, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office (EPO) .....JPY

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines .....CHF, EUR

Japan Patent Office (JPO).....CHF, EUR

National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) .....CHF, EUR

Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP).....EUR

The new amounts are indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (CL, EP, JP, PH and SA))

Exceptional Non-working Days

Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines has notified the International Bureau (IB) that it was not open to the public for the transaction of official business on 1 September 2025, due to inclement weather conditions.

This information updates the list of closed dates, as furnished to the IB by the Office, which is available at:

https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml?lang=en

It is recalled that, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach an Office fell on a day on which the Office is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, that period is extended so as to expire on the next subsequent business day.

Canadian Intellectual Property Office: Planned Technical Shutdown

The Canadian Intellectual Property Office has informed the International Bureau that from 8pm Friday 26 September to 10pm 28 September 2025 (Eastern Daylight Time), due to scheduled maintenance of the Office's online platforms, its e-commerce applications including PCT e-filing and general correspondence, will be unavailable.

For date-sensitive material, please review CIPO's correspondence procedures for alternative ways to submit your request, available at:

https://synergis.ic.gc.ca/t/1384145/3931491/28965/62/

Further information is available on the Office's website (https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/canadian-intellectual-property-office/en).

If you have any questions, please contact the CIPO Client Service Centre at:

https://synergis.ic.gc.ca/t/1384145/3931491/28966/81/

Correction of Publication Errors Concerning International Applications Published on 11 September 2025

Please note that for all international applications published on 11 September 2025, the front page (PDF image) of the published applications indicated an incorrect date of publication (12 September 2025) caused by a technical error. The correct publication date, as already correctly shown in the PATENTSCOPE Bibliographic Data tab of those applications, is 11 September 2025. The International Bureau has scheduled to correct the errors and republish the front page of all affected initial publication of the international applications on 2 October 2025.

SME Support Series

PCT SME Support Series (No. 2): How to manage application filing costs as an SME

Q: I am a start-up with a technical idea that I am confident is new and inventive based on my technical expertise about the current state-of-the-art. I have heard about patenting and the PCT, but before contacting a patent attorney I am interested in an estimate of costs and how to possibly save money at a later stage. Which fee reductions are possible for my patent application if I use the PCT?

A: Cost is one of the most important considerations when planning for international patent protection. Pursuing and maintaining international patent protection is a significant investment which increases with the number of countries. Practically, inventors don't need to get patent protection everywhere – only in markets where competitors operate and return on investment is expected over the patent's lifespan, usually a handful of countries.

However, securing an initial filing date in one country could cost as little as one hundred and up to several thousand CHF. This initial filing date secures a 12-month period to file patent applications in other countries claiming protection from the initial filing date, which is referred to as the priority date. The bulk of the costs arises when you decide to expand protection to other countries due to fees at each Office for examination and maintenance of the patent after grant, translation of patent documents and local agents' fees.

The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) route offers strategic advantages by providing the applicant with the possibility to decide on patent protection in as many as 158 countries up to 30 months from the priority date. This is therefore 18 months longer than the 12 months without using the PCT. The international application process typically costs several thousand CHF initially for most applicants, but the PCT effectively postpones major expenses for another 18 months compared to not using the PCT. In addition, certain fee reductions and other cost-saving mechanisms do exist.

For an introduction to the PCT, refer to the first article of the SME Support series. This first article explains the international and national/regional phase that are referred to here.

Understand the costs of international patent protection

The following costs are usually incurred for filing international applications and seeking patent protection in foreign countries:

- **Office fees** – application, filing and examination fees paid to a patent Office:

  - PCT fees in the international phase (transmittal, international filing fees, and international search fees), usually a minor fraction of the overall costs, but usually more than one single national patent filing.
  - examination and annual maintenance fees at each Office in the national or regional phase.
- **Cost for agents**: Legal representation costs for professional agents vary by country (usually there is one agent for the international phase and several local agents for each Office in the national or regional phase).
- **Translation cost**: Required for providing translation of patent documents into the languages of foreign countries (up to several thousand CHF per country depending on the length of the application and the language).

Fee Reductions checklist for PCT Fees (international phase)

In the international phase, the following reductions of fees may be available depending on your specific circumstances:

- **Electronic Filing**: You can receive a reduction of the international filing fee for filing electronically using tools like ePCT (100, 200 or 300 CHF reduction). In addition, ePCT simplifies filing, validates certain data and warns about possible errors in the application process.
- **IP Office fee reductions for SMEs**: Many Offices offer PCT fee reductions for SMEs or similar applicant-based reductions.
- **Developing countries/natural persons**: all applicants from least developed countries are eligible for 90% reductions in the international filing fee, and for certain other developing countries, the same 90% reductions apply to inventors (natural persons) as opposed to companies (legal entities).
- **International search fee reductions**: Specific regional or national patent Offices acting as an International Searching Authority (ISA) offer reductions on search fees, such as the EPO or the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office which offer fee reductions (usually 75%) for carrying out the international search for applicants from developing countries.

More information can be found in the regularly updated detailed PCT fee tables, the National Patent Office's website and the *PCT Applicant's Guide* with details on fees, reductions and the specific conditions.

With these reductions, PCT applicants may reduce costs in the international phase.

Economies for an SME's patent journey

Cost-saving strategies for startups: The PCT process is the cornerstone to managing costs by delaying most of the potential payments by up to 30 months from the priority date. However, to complement this strategy and to better arrange patent filing and prosecution, you can:

- do a preliminary prior art search, if available with the assistance of your local patent Office or local Technology and Innovation Support Center (TISC).

- file a national patent first, even a provisional patent application if available, to secure the earliest filing date.
- consider amending the international application: feedback from the international search report or the international preliminary examination report can inform you on possible refinements or strategic shifts before entering the national phase (saving claim fees and translation costs); bringing the international application in order once instead of multiple national or regional corrections possibly saving procedural costs and efforts.
- use the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) or other worksharing and fast-track procedures where available.

Key Takeaways

The PCT route offers the most flexible and cost-effective approach to seeking international patent protection for SMEs in many situations. With substantial fee reductions available and strategic timing options, startups can manage costs while maintaining broad protection options. Success requires careful planning and leveraging available support programs and fee reductions.

Working with experienced patent attorneys, while adding cost, significantly improves the chances of your application being granted and can prevent costly resubmissions and multiple corrections, making it a worthwhile investment for most inventors seeking international protection.

Stay tuned for more editions of the PCT SME Support Series for more valuable insights and advice tailored to your needs. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the PCT Information Service.

Practical Advice

Strong Authentication for login to the ePCT System

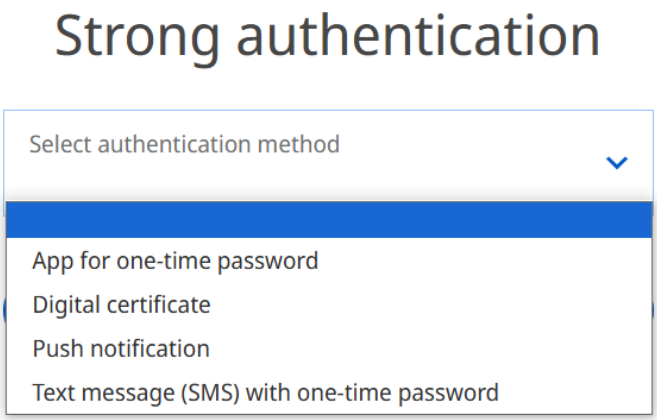
Q: When I log in to the ePCT system, it always prompts me to use "strong authentication". What options do I have for this and what are the best practices for keeping my WIPO Account secure?

A: The ePCT system has been developed to provide highly secure access to information and services relating to PCT applications. Almost all of the functions require users to log in using not only a username and password, but also a second means of authentication commonly referred to as two-factor authentication (2FA) which WIPO Accounts refers to as "strong authentication".

It remains, of course, important to create a strong password that is not reused anywhere else, but strong authentication means that if your password is discovered, there is an extra layer of protection to prevent access or damage to the data that can be accessed through your WIPO Account.

WIPO currently supports four types of strong authentication. You can set up one or more of

these and then select which one you want to use when you log in:



(1) App for one-time password

“App for one-time password (OTP)” refers to an open standard (IETF RFC 6238) implemented by many different applications, such as Google Authenticator and WinAuth, which can be installed on either your phone or a computer. When setting up the application for accessing ePCT, WIPO generates a “shared secret” which is passed to the application (app) either by scanning a QR code or copying a 32-character string. The app then generates 6-digit codes that change every 30 seconds (Time-Based One Time Passwords, TOTP). These codes are entered as the second authentication factor. Some apps include browser extensions that will fill in the one-time password for you.

Whether the app generating the OTP is installed on your phone or on the device that you use to log into ePCT, it is strongly recommended that before the one-time password is seen, the app is set up to require an authentication in addition to the process to log-into the device on which the app is installed.

The shared secret can, in principle, be set up in several different authenticator apps so that if, for example, you change your phone, you do not lose the possibility of using the one-time password. However, transmitting and saving the shared secret can itself introduce security risks. In general, if you are using more than one app, it is better to create separate shared secrets for each. You can have multiple shared secrets in use simultaneously and any one of the passwords will allow you to log in. If one device is lost or compromised, you can then cancel that shared secret and safely continue to use those from the others.

(2) Digital certificate

Digital certificates are electronic files issued by the WIPO Customer Certification Authority, that can be installed in your browser to validate that it is controlled by the person to whom the certificate was issued. These offer an adequate degree of security provided the machine you use to log in remains physically secure. However, they are not recommended for users able to use other methods of strong authentication as the process of issuing digital certificates takes both time and manual intervention from PCT eServices. Furthermore, many users find the process of installation, re-installation on new browsers or machines and renewal of the certificates (required every two years) to be difficult.

To avoid this, the best practice for strong authentication purposes for WIPO Account users is to register a push notification or an app or a mobile phone for one-time password, rather than a WIPO Digital Certificate.

(3) Push notification

This form of strong authentication is highly secure and is easy to use since no further password is needed to log in. It requires the installation of the proprietary app “ForgeRock Authenticator” on your phone, available free-of-charge for iOS and Android systems. Your phone will also need a data connection where you are using ePCT. When you log in and select “push notification”, a notification appears on your phone with a message “Authentication request for WIPO”. If you press “accept”, the system recognizes the acceptance from your phone and login continues automatically.

(4) Text message (SMS) with one-time password

The text message option allows you to register the number of a phone capable of receiving SMS so that when you log in, a text message is sent to that number with a one-time password for entry.

This is the least secure and potentially least reliable of the options offered and is recommended only if you are not allowed to install or use any of the other options on your devices. Transmission of the password can fail or be significantly delayed because of a poor network signal or because SMS delivery is not always reliable. The SMS protocol was also not designed for security and it is possible for SMS messages to be diverted to a different phone (though any user targeted for this form of attack may be subject to more active forms of attack at the same time).

Using more than one form of strong authentication

It is strongly recommended that you set up more than one form of two-factor authentication and, more importantly, not to have them all on the same device. That way, if one form of authentication is temporarily unavailable you can still access your account using an alternative method. Moreover, if one form of authentication is lost or compromised, you can still log in with an alternative, disable the compromised method and instantly set up a replacement without the need to seek assistance from PCT eServices. Good combinations for this include push notifications paired with an app for one-time passwords, with one on your phone and the other on your computer. Two different apps for one-time passwords on different devices would also serve just as well.

Report anything suspicious

Any changes to your strong authentications will be notified to you at your registered email address. If you see any unexpected activity, immediately try to log in and change both your password and any strong authentication methods that might have been compromised. Whether this is successful or not, please inform PCT eServices so that they can monitor for unexpected activity and help you recover from any problems if necessary.

For more information, please consult the ePCT User Guide FAQs at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipportal-support/epct-user-guide/faq

where further advice is available from the “Strong Authentication” tab.

PCT Seminar Calendar

(https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-seminar-calendar.pdf)
(situation on 26 September 2025)

Dates and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers (and others where known)	Organizer and contact details
24 October 2025 Dallas, TX (US) / Hybrid	English	Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and ePCT Seminar. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Ms. Bai, Ms. Kang, Mr. Piriou and Mr. Vivet USPTO speakers: Ms. Shimabuku and Ms. Lauchman Other speakers: Mr. Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	WIPO and USPTO Registration: https://mailchi.mp/wipo/us-pct-epct-seminar-sign-up For further information, go to: https://www.wipo.int/web/pct-system/w/news/2025/patent-cooperation-treaty-pct-and-epct-seminar
28 October 2025 Detroit, MI (US) / Hybrid	English	Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and ePCT Seminar. No registration fee. WIPO speakers: Ms. Bai, Ms. Kang, Mr. Piriou and Mr. Vivet USPTO speakers: Ms. Nash and Ms. Lauchman Other speakers: Mr. Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	WIPO and USPTO Registration: https://mailchi.mp/wipo/us-pct-epct-seminar-sign-up For further information, go to: https://www.wipo.int/web/pct-system/w/news/2025/patent-cooperation-treaty-pct-and-epct-seminar
12 – 14 November 2025 Berlin (DE)	German/ English	PCT presentation on the latest developments in the PCT and the Madrid System within the framework of the 15th *PAFA-Tagung* conference (hybrid) WIPO speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Mr. Li	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 E-mail: info@ipforip.de Internet: https://www.ipforip.com/15-pafa-tagung/

PCT Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
14 October 2025 **10:00 – 12:35 CET**	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): PCT System: Criteria of Patentability on the International Phase. Cases When the Search Report isn't Carried Out. WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: to be announced	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/3317382377879/WN_GPoDmoewSXCyats5lWzb-w
28 October 2025 **9:00 – 11:35 CET**	Russian	Regional webinar for CACEEC: "PCT System: Typical Mistakes Made by Applicants". WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: to be announced	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/9517382378358/WN_ZTtKBoLvRNGENcmzViP8mA
11 November 2025 **9:00 – 10:35 CET**	Russian	Regional webinar for CACEEC: "PCT System: Questions and Answers Session". WIPO speaker: Ms. Krysanova	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/4817382378773/WN_IyKUym74RPGIzj8aWf_Bcg

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PATENTSCOPE Webinars

(https://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/webinar/)

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
30 September 2025 17:30 – 18:30 CET	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sdOhqpmcQP2lusVHOH3FSA
2 October 2025 8:30 – 9:30 CET	English	Chemical Searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WPMG7iv8TM-Ct8SljZloQw
21 October 2025 17:30 – 18:30 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UNrPMWy7QhSBYAg7fZeXFA
23 October 2025 8:30 – 9:30 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	https://wipo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ujnt4Vc8SfCK3SJbgkfNdw

PCT Events Without WIPO Speakers[1]

(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)

Dates and location	Language of event	Nature of event; Speakers	Organizer and registration
30 September – 2 October 2025 Aurora, Colorado (US)	English	PCT Seminar (2 ½ day program) Speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC https://shop.oppedahl.com/product/comprehensive-live-in-person-pct-seminar-in-colorado-2/
2 October 2025 Aurora, Colorado (US) (13:00 – 17:00 US MT time)	English	Seminar on PCT Docketing (half day program) Speaker: Mr. Carl Oppedahl (WIPO Consultant)	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC https://shop.oppedahl.com/product/comprehensive-live-in-person-pct-seminar-in-colorado-2/

[1] Views and opinions of speakers at these events do not necessarily represent the views of WIPO.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide,* Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—refer to footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated ***after*** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

eq	equivalent of –
IA	international application
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority
ISA	International Searching Authority
ISR	international search report
RO	receiving Office

Currencies:

ALL	Albanian lek
AMD	Armenian dram
AUD	Australian dollar
AZN	Azerbaijani manat
BAM	Convertible mark
BGN	Bulgarian lev
BHD	Bahraini dinar
BND	Brunei dollar
BRL	Brazilian real
BYN	Belarusian rouble
BZD	Belize dollar
CAD	Canadian dollar
CHF	Swiss franc
CLP	Chilean peso
CNY	Yuan renminbi
COP	Colombian peso
CUP	Cuban peso
CVE	Cabo Verde escudo
CZK	Czech koruna
DJF	Djibouti franc
DKK	Danish krone
DZD	Algerian dinar
EGP	Egyptian pound
EUR	Euro
GBP	Pound sterling
GHS	Ghanaian cedi
HRK	Croatian kuna
HUF	Hungarian forint
IDR	Indonesian rupiah
ILS	New Israeli sheqel
INR	Indian rupee
IQD	Iraqi dinar
IRR	Iranian rial
ISK	Icelandic krona
JMD	Jamaican dollar
JOD	Jordanian dinar
JPY	Japanese yen
KES	Kenyan shilling
KGS	Kyrgys som
KHR	Cambodian riel
KPW	Won (KP)
KRW	Won (KR)
KZT	Kazakh tenge
LSL	Lesotho loti
LYD	Libyan dinar
MAD	Moroccan dirham
MKD	Macedonian denar
MUR	Mauritian rupee
MWK	Malawian kwacha
MYR	Malaysian ringgit
NOK	Norwegian krone
NZD	New Zealand dollar
OMR	Omani rial
PEN	Nuevo sol
PGK	Kina
PHP	Philippine peso
PLN	Polish zloty
QAR	Qatari riyal
RON	New leu
RSD	Serbian dinar
RUB	Russian rouble
SAR	Saudi riyal
SAT	Samoan tala
SDG	Sudanese pound
SEK	Swedish krona
SGD	Singapore dollar
SYP	Syrian pounds
THB	Baht
TJS	Tajik somoni
TND	Tunisian dinar
TRY	Turkish lira
TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
UGX	Uganda shilling
USD	US dollar
UYU	Uruguayan peso
UZS	Uzbek sum
VND	Vietnamese dong
XAF	CFA franc BEAC
XCD	East Caribbean dollar
ZAR	South African rand
ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee[1]	International filing fee[1, 2] (CHF 1,330)	Fee per sheet over 30[1, 2, 3] (CHF 15)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s)[4]
				Item 4(a)[5] (CHF 100)	Item 4(b)[6] (CHF 200)	Item 4(c)[7] (CHF 300)	
AL	**ALL** 9,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
AM	**AMD** 32,000	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,506	28	–	377	565	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 50	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
BG	**BGN** 80	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	AT EP SA US
BN	**BND** 150	**BND** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU EP JP KR SG
BR	**BRL**[8] online: 260 on paper:[9] 260	**BRL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	**USD** 32	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 102.90	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 434.30	**CAD** 2,229	25	–	335	503	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[10] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[10] 1,603	eq **USD**[10] 18	–	eq **USD**[10] 241	eq **USD**[10] 362	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,620	130	–	1,750	2,620	CN EP[11]
CO	**COP** online: 326,000 on paper: 431,000	**COP** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT BR CL EP ES KR RU
CR	**USD** online: 237 on paper: 289	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	CL EP ES

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee[1]	International filing fee[1, 2]	Fee per sheet over 30[1, 2, 3]	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s)[4]
				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
CU	**CUP** 2,400	**CUP** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT BR CL EP ES RU
CV	**EUR** –[12]	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	AT BR EP KR
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
DJ	**USD** none or eq **DJF**	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 1,500	**DKK** 10,560	120	–	1,590	2,380	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,603 or **EUR** 1,417	18 16	– –	241 213	362 320	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362)	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 150	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 135	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
GB	**GBP** 75	**GBP** 1,189	13	–	179	268	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[13] 100	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[14] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 570,800	6,400	–	85,800	128,800	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[15] 100 or **EUR**[15] 107 or **USD**[15] 121	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,417 or **USD** 1,603	15 16 18	100 107 121	200 213 241	300 320 362	Refer to footnote 16
ID	**IDR** 1,000,000	**IDR** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU EP JP KR RU SG
IE	**EUR** 76	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
IL	**ILS** 640	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[17] **INR** 17,600[18] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,603	eq **USD** 18	–	eq **USD** 241	eq **USD** 362	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 210,400	2,400	–	31,600	47,500	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,603	eq **USD** 18	–	eq **USD** 241	eq **USD** 362	AT AU CA EP
JO	**JOD** 100	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT AU EP US
JP	**JPY** 17,000[19]	**JPY** 230,500 *(from 1.10.25:242,700)*	2,600 *(2,700)*	– *(–)*	– *(–)*	52,000 *(54,700)*	EP IN JP SG
KE	**USD** 250 or **KES** 5,000 plus cost of mailing	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	**KGS** 4,000[20]	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	EA EP RU
KH	**KHR** 420,000	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee[1]	International filing fee[1, 2]	Fee per sheet over 30[1, 2, 3]	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s)[4]
				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
KN	XCD 50	XCD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	EP US
KP	KPW eq CHF 50	KPW eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT CN RU
KR	KRW 45,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	300	AT AU JP[21] KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,603	18	–	–	–	EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,603	18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL –[12]	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
LY	LYD –[12]	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
MA	MAD none	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP RU SE
MD	EUR 100	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	200	300	EP
MN	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,417	16	–	–	–	EP
MU	MUR 5,000	MUR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT AU EP
MW	MWK 6,000	USD 1,603	18	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87[22] (natural persons) USD 375.50[22] (legal persons)	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550[23]	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 16,520	190	–	2,480	3,730	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,695	30	–	405	608	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF –[12]	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,603	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 241	eq USD 362	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,603	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 241	eq USD 362	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,603	18	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	AU EP JP KR PH US
PL	PLN 300	PLN eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP XV
PT	EUR online: 12.31 on paper: 24.60	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,603	eq USD 18	–	eq USD 241	eq USD 362	EG EP US
RO	RON 498	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP RU
RS	RSD 9,920[24]	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
RU	RUB 2,000	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	SAR 6,057	68	–	911	1,366	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	USD –[12]	USD 1,603	18	–	–	–	EP
SD	SDG 50	SDG eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EG EP
SE	SEK 1,200	SEK 15,140	170	–	2,280	3,410	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 2,026	23	–	305	457	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP
SK	EUR on paper: 90[25]	EUR 1,417	16	–	213	320	EP XV
SV	none[26]	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT EG EP RU

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

RO	Transmittal fee[1]	International filing fee[1, 2]	Fee per sheet over 30[1, 2, 3]	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees:			Competent ISA(s)[4]
				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
TH	**THB** 3,000	**THB** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	**TJS** –[12]	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	EA EP RU
TM	**USD** –[12]	**USD** 1,603	18	–	–	–	EA EP RU
TN	**TND** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
TR	none	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP TR
TT	**TTD** 750	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	**UAH** (or eq **EUR** or **USD**)[27] 2,600	**USD** (or eq **UAH** or **EUR**) 1,603	18	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	**UGX** refer to Office	**UGX** eq **USD** 1,603	eq **USD** 18	–	eq **USD** 241	eq **USD** 362	AT EP SG
US	**USD** 285[28] small entity[29]: 114[28] micro entity[29]: 57[28]	**USD** 1,603	18	121	241	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	**UYU** eq **USD** 100	**UYU** eq **USD** 1,603	eq **USD** 18	–	eq **USD** 241	eq **USD** 362	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	**UZS** 245,000[30]	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	EP RU
VN	**VND** 300,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	**SAT** 200	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	EP PH
ZA	**ZAR** 525	**ZAR** 29,860	340	–	4,490	6,740	AT AU EP US
ZM	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,603	18	–	241	362	AT SE
ZW	**ZWD** 6,000	**ZWD** eq **USD** 1,603	eq **USD** 18	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[31]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,732 **KRW** 2,929,000 **SGD** 2,639 **USD** 2,094 **ZAR** 39,010
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,168 **EUR** 1,271 **KRW** 2,000,000 **NZD** 2,431 **SGD** 1,852 **USD** 1,383 **ZAR** 26,000
BR[8]	Online: **BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 371 **EUR** 395 **USD** 451 On paper: **BRL** 2,525 **CHF** 368 **EUR** 394 **USD** 446
CA	**CAD** 2,317.68 **CHF** 1,383 **EUR** 1,472 **USD** 1,696
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF*** 1,710 **EUR*** 1,822 *(from 1.10.25:* ***CHF*** *1,598* ***EUR*** *1,714)* In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF*** 342 **EUR*** 364 *(from 1.10.25:* ***CHF*** *320* ***EUR*** *343)* In case of filing by a university[32]: **USD** 300 **CHF*** 257 **EUR*** 273 *(from 1.10.25:* ***CHF*** *240* ***EUR*** *257)*
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 240 **EUR** 250 **USD** 297
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 90 **EUR** 99 **USD** 113 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 398 **EUR** 442 **USD** 504
EG[33]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 65 **EUR** 69 **USD** 83
EP[34]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,732 **CNY** 15,490 **DKK** 13,760 **GBP** 1,548 **HUF** 744,000 **ISK** 274,100 **JPY*** 300,000 **NOK** 21,510 **NZD** 3,511 **SEK** 20,980 **SGD** 2,639 **USD** 2,094 **ZAR** 39,010 **(from 1.10.25:* ***JPY*** *317,600)*
ES[34]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,732 **USD** 2,094
FI	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,732 **USD** 2,094
IL	**ILS** 4,101 **CHF** 937 **EUR** 995 **USD** 1,220

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*
(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 94 **EUR** 100 **JPY** 17,600 **USD**119In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 24 **EUR** 25 **JPY** 4,400 **USD** 30
JP[35]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF*** 825 **EUR*** 879 **KRW** 1,393,000 **USD** 998 **(from 1.10.25:* ***CHF*** *784* ***EUR*** *831)* For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF*** 975 **EUR*** 1,039 **SGD** 1,486 **USD** 1,179 **(from 1.10.25:* ***CHF*** *926* ***EUR*** *982)*
KR[36]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 496 **CHF** 261 **EUR** 283 **NZD** 548 **SGD** 410 **USD** 333 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,322 **CHF** 696 **EUR** 755 **NZD** 1,460 **SGD** 1,092 **USD** 888
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF*** 513 **EUR*** 547 **(from 1.10.25:* ***CHF*** *479* ***EUR*** *514)* Small entity or government[37]: **USD** 200 **CHF*** 171 **EUR*** 182 **(from 1.10.25:* ***CHF*** *160* ***EUR*** *171)*
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 90 **EUR** 99 **USD** 113 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 448 **EUR** 497 **USD** 567
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 220 **EUR*** 243 **USD** 267 **(from 1.10.25:* ***EUR*** *229)*
SE	**SEK** 20,980 **CHF** 1,732 **DKK** 13,760 **EUR** 1,845 **ISK** 274,100 **NOK** 21,510 **USD** 2,094
SG	**SGD** 2,350 **CHF** 1,458 **EUR** 1,565 **JPY** 264,000 **KRW** 2,527,000 **USD** 1,849
TR	**TRY** 69,360 **CHF** 1,732 **EUR** 1,845 **USD** 2,094
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 94 **USD** 114 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 282 **USD** 341
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,976 **EUR** 2,114 **NZD** 4,104 **ZAR** 43,370 For small entity[29]: **USD** 960 **CHF** 790 **EUR** 846 **NZD** 1,642 **ZAR** 17,350 For micro entity[29]: **USD** 480 **CHF** 395 **EUR** 423 **NZD** 821 **ZAR** 8,670
XN	**DKK** 13,760 **CHF** 1,732 **EUR** 1,845 **ISK** 274,100 **NOK** 21,510 **SEK** 20,980 **USD** 2,094
XV	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,732 **HUF** 744,000 **USD** 2,094

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Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee			Supplementary search handling fee[2, 38]	
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	CHF	798	CHF	200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	CHF	1,117		
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	CHF	1,596		
EP		CHF	1,732[34]	CHF	200
FI		CHF	1,732	CHF	200
RU		CHF	119	CHF	200
		CHF	189[39]		
SE		CHF	1,732	CHF	200
SG		CHF	1,458	CHF	200
TR	– for a full search:	CHF	1,732	CHF	200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	CHF	12		
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF	84	CHF	200
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF	84		
	– for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation:	CHF	66		
	– for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv):	CHF	56		
XN	– for a full search:	CHF	1,732	CHF	200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	CHF	503		
XV	– for a full search:	CHF	1,666	CHF	200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	CHF	516		

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Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 September 2025, unless otherwise indicated)

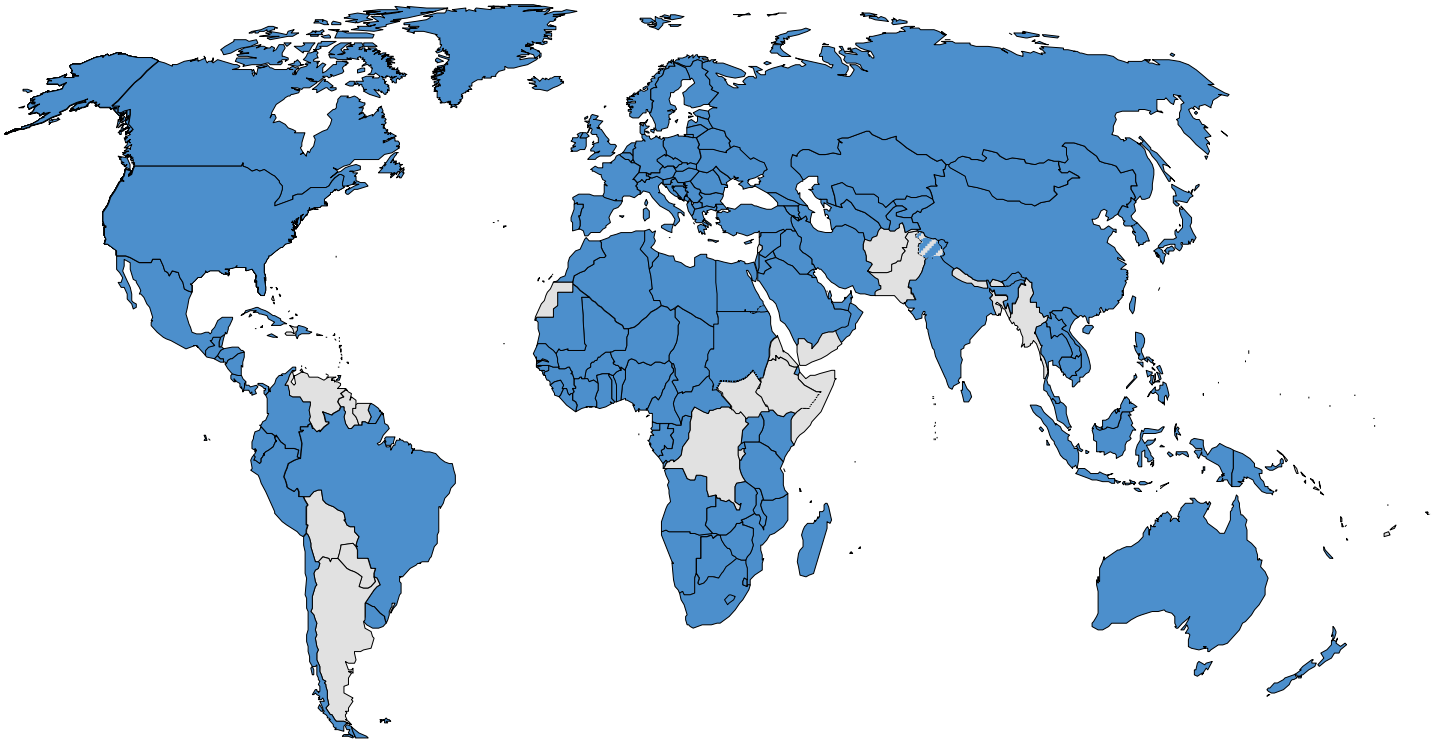
IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[40]	Handling fee[2, 40] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[31]	**EUR** 213
AU	**AUD** 590 820[41]	**AUD** 377
BR	Online: **BRL** 930[8] On paper: **BRL** 945[9, 9]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,158.84	**CAD** 335
CL	**USD** 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 in case of filing by a university[32]: **USD** 300	**USD** 241
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,750
EA	Examination carried out in Russian: **RUB**: 6,750 Examination carried out in English: **RUB:** 24,000 Where ISR was prepared by Eurasian Patent Office: Examination carried out in Russian: **RUB**: 4,500 Examination carried out in English: **RUB:** 16,000	**USD** 241
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 241
EP	**EUR** 1,915[34]	**EUR** 213
ES	**EUR** 595.37[34]	**EUR** 213
FI	**EUR** 650	**EUR** 213
IL	**ILS** 1,758	**ILS** 875
IN	If ISR prepared by ISA/IN: **INR** 10,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 If ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: **INR** 12,000; in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 3,000	**USD** 241
JP[Error! Bookmark not defined.]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 34,700 *(from 1.10.25: **JPY** 36,500)*
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 345,000
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[37]**:** **USD** 150	**USD** 241
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[42] 7,000[43] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[42] 26,000[43]	**USD** 241
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 911
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,280
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 305
TR	**TRY** 1,000	**CHF** 200
UA	If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: **EUR** 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: **EUR** 70	**EUR** 213
US	**USD** 705 880[44] For small entity[29]: **USD** 282 352[44] For micro entity[29]: **USD** 141 176[44]	**USD** 241
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,590
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 213

[footnotes to fee tables follow]

Footnotes to fee tables:

1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.
3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. If the receiving Office does not accept international applications in electronic form in such format, the international application will be transmitted to the International Bureau as receiving Office (PCT Rule 19.4(a)(ii-*bis*)).
4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
8 This fee is reduced by 50% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 Paper filings are only accepted if received by mail. For further details, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253 of 13 November 2019 (http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf).
10 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
11 The EPO is available as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as of 1 December 2020 as a pilot project. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/service-support/faq/own-file/cnipa-epo-pilot.html and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_53_153571.html. The pilot project has been extended until 30 November 2026. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html
12 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
13 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit and by 90% where the applicant is a student, a pupil or pensioner.
14 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
15 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
16 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. Refer also to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
17 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
18 The fee for paper filings for other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
19 This fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. Further details on eligibility for the fee reduction are available at: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
20 This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual. The amount does not include the postage/mailing costs which must be paid by the applicant directly to the express delivery service (e.g. DHL). For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic and applicable on the date of payment.
21 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.
22 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
23 Plus, for paper filings: MYR 5 for one to ten pages, MYR 10 for 11 to 20 pages, MYR 40 for 21 to 50 pages, MYR 60 for 51 pages or more.
24 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
25 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
26 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicant must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
27 This fee is reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 80%.
28 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
29 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, refer to 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-51 and R-59), respectively, at: http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
30 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
31 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
32 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
33 This fee is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
34 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, and the supplementary search fee in the case of the EPO, are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, refer to the relevant notes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/guide/index.html
35 This fee is reduced for applications filed in Japanese, or for applications in respect of which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions.
For further details refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf
36 This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.
37 Applicable where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.
38 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
39 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
40 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
41 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
42 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
43 In all cases where footnote 42 does not apply.
44 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

PCT Contracting States and Two-letter Codes (158 on 1 September 2025)



AE United Arab Emirates
AG Antigua and Barbuda
AL Albania (EP)
AM Armenia (EA)
AO Angola
AT Austria (EP)
AU Australia
AZ Azerbaijan (EA)
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina[1]
BB Barbados
BE Belgium (EP)[2]
BF Burkina Faso (OA)[2]
BG Bulgaria (EP)
BH Bahrain
BJ Benin (OA)[2]
BN Brunei Darussalam
BR Brazil
BW Botswana (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)
BZ Belize
CA Canada
CF Central African Republic (OA)[2]
CG Congo (OA)[2]
CH Switzerland (EP)
CI Côte d'Ivoire (OA)[2]
CL Chile
CM Cameroon (OA)[2]
CN China
CO Colombia
CR Costa Rica
CU Cuba
CV Cabo Verde (AP)
CY Cyprus (EP)[2]
CZ Czechia (EP)
DE Germany (EP)
DJ Djibouti
DK Denmark (EP)
DM Dominica
DO Dominican Republic
DZ Algeria
EC Ecuador
EE Estonia (EP)
EG Egypt
ES Spain (EP)
FI Finland (EP)
FR France (EP)[2]
GA Gabon (OA)[2]
GB United Kingdom (EP)
GD Grenada
GE Georgia[4]
GH Ghana (AP)
GM Gambia (AP)
GN Guinea (OA)[2]
GQ Equatorial Guinea (OA)[2]
GR Greece (EP)[2]
GT Guatemala
GW Guinea-Bissau (OA)[2]
HN Honduras
HR Croatia (EP)
HU Hungary (EP)
ID Indonesia
IE Ireland (EP)[2]
IL Israel
IN India
IQ Iraq
IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)
IS Iceland (EP)
IT Italy (EP)[3]
JM Jamaica
JO Jordan
JP Japan
KE Kenya (AP)
KG Kyrgyzstan (EA)
KH Cambodia[4]
KM Comoros (OA)[2]
KN Saint Kitts and Nevis
KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea
KR Republic of Korea
KW Kuwait
KZ Kazakhstan (EA)
LA Lao People's Democratic Republic[4]
LC Saint Lucia
LI Liechtenstein (EP)
LK Sri Lanka
LR Liberia (AP)
LS Lesotho (AP)
LT Lithuania (EP)[2]
LU Luxembourg (EP)
LV Latvia (EP)[2]
LY Libya
MA Morocco[4]
MC Monaco (EP)[2]
MD Republic of Moldova[4]
ME Montenegro (EP)[2,5]
MG Madagascar
MK North Macedonia (EP)
ML Mali (OA)[2]
MN Mongolia
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MT Malta (EP)[2]
MU Mauritius
MW Malawi (AP)
MX Mexico
MY Malaysia
MZ Mozambique (AP)
NA Namibia (AP)
NE Niger (OA)[2]
NG Nigeria
NI Nicaragua
NL Netherlands (EP)[2]
NO Norway (EP)
NZ New Zealand
OM Oman
PA Panama
PE Peru
PG Papua New Guinea
PH Philippines
PL Poland (EP)
PT Portugal (EP)
QA Qatar
RO Romania (EP)
RS Serbia (EP)
RU Russian Federation (EA)
RW Rwanda (AP)
SA Saudi Arabia
SC Seychelles (AP)
SD Sudan (AP)
SE Sweden (EP)
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SI Slovenia (EP)[2]
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TJ Tajikistan (EA)
TM Turkmenistan (EA)
TN Tunisia[4]
TR Türkiye (EP)
TT Trinidad and Tobago
TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
UA Ukraine
UG Uganda (AP)
US United States of America
UY Uruguay[6]
UZ Uzbekistan
VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
VN Viet Nam
WS Samoa
ZA South Africa
ZM Zambia (AP)
ZW Zimbabwe (AP)

1 Extension of European patent possible.
2 May only be designated for a regional patent (the "national route" via the PCT has been closed).
3 Italy may be designated for a national patent only in international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.
4 Validation of European patent possible.
5 For international applications filed before 1 October 2022, only an extension of a European patent is possible (there is no national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Montenegro). International applications filed on or after 1 October 2022 will include the designation of Montenegro for a European Patent.
6 This Office has made a declaration under PCT Article 64(1)(a) and is not bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

Where a State can be designated for a regional patent, the two-letter code for the regional patent concerned is indicated in parentheses (AP = ARIPO patent, EA = Eurasian patent, EP = European patent, OA = OAPI patent).

Important: This list includes all States that have adhered to the PCT by the date shown in the heading. Any State indicated in ***bold italics*** has adhered to the PCT but will only become bound by the PCT on the date shown in parentheses; it will not be considered to have been designated in international applications filed before that date.

Note that even though the filing of a request constitutes under PCT Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents, applicants should always use the latest version of the e-filing software used to generate the request form, or the latest versions of the request form (PCT/RO/101) and demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) (the latest versions are dated 1 July 2022). The request and demand forms can be printed from the website, in editable PDF format, at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/, or obtained from receiving Offices or the International Bureau, or, in the case of the demand form, also from International Preliminary Examining Authorities. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to use ePCT-Filing in ordertto benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.