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PCT Working Group Meeting Documents

The resumed eighteenth session and the nineteenth session of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Working Group, and the thirty-third session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, are planned for 2 to 6 February 2026 in a hybrid format. Documents for the nineteenth session of the PCT Working Group and the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation are available respectively at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=89833

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=89830

Reminder of WIPO's bank account changes

WIPO's bank accounts have fully transitioned from Credit Suisse to **UBS Switzerland**.

Starting from 31 March 2026, any payment made to its former Credit Suisse accounts will be rejected. To avoid delays in payment of any PCT-related fees to the International Bureau including in its capacity as receiving Office, please use only WIPO's new bank details at UBS Switzerland, reproduced below:

Swiss Francs (CHF) Account

- Account name: WIPO
- Bank: UBS Switzerland AG, Zurich, Switzerland
- IBAN: CH77 0024 0240 FP10 1035 6
- Swift: UBSWCHZH80A

US Dollars (USD) Account

- Account name: WIPO
- Bank: UBS Switzerland AG, Zurich, Switzerland
- IBAN: CH24 0024 0240 FP10 2324 1
- Swift: UBSWCHZH80A

Euro (EUR) Account

- Account name: WIPO
- Bank: UBS Switzerland AG, Zurich, Switzerland

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

- IBAN: CH67 0024 0240 FP10 2324 3
- Swift: UBSWCHZH80A

It should also be noted that payment of fees by opening a current account at WIPO is only available in Swiss Francs (CHF). Deposits in USD and EUR are not accepted.

For more information about how to pay PCT fees to WIPO, including its full bank details as indicated above, please consult: Paying PCT Fees for International Patent Application.

New PCT Rules Strengthen International Patent Searches

New amendments to the PCT Regulations entered into force on 1 January 2026. Amendments to PCT Rules 34, 36 and 63 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 can be appointed and that it needs to continue to satisfy during its appointment. Nineteen additional national patent collections have been included.

Amendments to PCT Rules 33 and 64 had the effect of broadening the definition of relevant prior art for international search and preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures. At the same time, PCT International Searching Authorities and the patent Offices of Contracting States have begun exchanging the full text of patent applications, replacing image-only formats that were still used in some cases.

These changes will enable more comprehensive searches for applicants, with broader geographic coverage and types of prior art being identified. Most of the newly included patent collections are already available through the PATENTSCOPE database. Details on rule changes can be found at PCT Newsletter 12/2025. For more information on the rule change impacts, consult the news at:

www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/w/news/2026/broader-data-stronger-rights-new-pct-rules-strengthen-international-patent-searches

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Pilots: IP5 PPH Pilot Program Extended to 2029

According to a joint decision made by the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) of the Republic of Korea, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the IP5 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program will be extended for another three years, from 6 January 2026 to 5 January 2029. The program accepts PCT international work products, including written opinions of the ISA (WO-ISA) and international preliminary examination reports (IPER) as a basis for applicants to request accelerated processing of their patent applications.

For further information, refer to:

https://english.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/12/31/art_1340_203419.html

https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/og-ip5extension-jan2026.pdf

PPH is a fast track linking patent examination outcomes of different countries or regions, allowing patent examination authorities to speed up patent examination. The IP5 Patent

Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program started from 1 January 2014. Details can be found in PCT Newsletter 10/2013. Further information about IP5 PPH program can be found at:

https://www.fiveipoffices.org/activities/ws/ip5pph

New Version of WIPO Standard ST.3 Published in December 2025

A revised WIPO Standard ST.3 (RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS) was published on the WIPO website on 18 December 2025, taking effect from that date.

The main revisions include:

- The addition of a two-letter code 'FM' for Micronesia (Federated States of).
- Editorial corrections in the French and Spanish versions to improve accuracy and ensure consistency across all language versions.

The revised WIPO Standard ST.3 is available in the following languages:

English: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/standards/part_03_standards

French: https://www.wipo.int/fr/web/standards/part_03_standards

Spanish: https://www.wipo.int/es/web/standards/part_03_standards

WIPO Standards provide a globally recognized common framework for managing and processing IP information and documentation. The complete list of WIPO Standards is published in Part 3 of the WIPO Handbook on Intellectual Property Information and Documentation, which is the authoritative source for WIPO Standards, recommendations, and guidelines related to IP data, information, and documentation.

More information about WIPO Standards is available at:

www.wipo.int/en/web/standards

WIPO Global Awards 2026 open for startups and SMEs worldwide



The WIPO Global Awards celebrate startups and SMEs that use intellectual property (IP) to grow their businesses and generate positive impact. The first edition of the competition was launched in 2022 to recognize innovative and creative businesses that turn IP into real-world value.

The 2026 edition of the WIPO Global Awards is open between 15 January and 31 March 2026. Applications are accepted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian. Entrepreneurs from all industries and all regions of the world can apply.

In 2026, 10 company awards will be offered to 5 startups and 5 SMEs selected from various sectors, and a new thematic award will be given to an SME in the sports sector (echoing the theme of World IP Day 2026), in addition to 2 Special Mentions (Best Woman Entrepreneur and Best Youth Entrepreneur).

The winners will gain international recognition through the WIPO-UN network system and will be offered a customized 6-month mentorship on IP strategy, commercialization, and business growth. They will also have chances to connect with investors, corporations, institutions, and business hubs worldwide. The winners will be invited to attend an Awards Ceremony in Geneva during the WIPO Assemblies to be held in July 2026.

To learn more about the Awards or apply, visit: www.wipo.int/en/web/awards/global

World Intellectual Property Day, 26 April 2026

IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate!



The theme for World Intellectual Property Day 2026 is “IP and Sports”, highlighting how IP drives creativity and innovation across the world of sports.

From cutting-edge equipment and game-changing technologies to inspiring brands and designs, IP rights power a dynamic sports culture that inspires and connects people everywhere. World IP Day 2026 celebrates the creators, inventors, and entrepreneurs whose passion and ideas drive the future of sports.

Find out more about World IP Day.

The World IP Day 2026 Youth Video Competition has just been launched with a closing date of 15 March 2026. Join the competition and unleash your creativity by showing how IP fuels innovation in the world of sports, with the chance to win prizes of up to CHF 3,000. For further information go to:

www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2026/video-competition

More ideas for creating your own IP Day campaign are available at:

www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/create-your-campaign

PCT Information Update

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina (fees)

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified corrections to the transmittal fee and the fee for requesting the preparation and transmission to the International Bureau (IB) of a priority document, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

The amounts are as follows:

Transmittal fee.....BAM 60

Fee for priority document .....BAM 30

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

BG Bulgaria (no longer accepts payment in Bulgarian lev from 1 February 2026)

As from 1 February 2026, payment of fees to the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** can only be made in **euro (EUR).** It will no longer be possible to pay fees in Bulgarian lev (BGN).

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

DK Denmark (fees)

As from 1 January 2026, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has changed the transmittal fee and the fee for requesting the preparation and transmission to the IB of a priority document, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. The amounts are now as follows:

Transmittal fee..... DKK 950

Fee for priority document ..... DKK 380

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

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (fees)

As from 1 February 2026, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** will change the amounts of several components of the national fee, in Russian roubles (RUB), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search publication and other processing): .....RUB 70,000

Claim fee for each claim:

in excess of five:.....RUB 7,000

in excess of 20: .....RUB 7,500

in excess of 50: .....RUB 8,000

Examination fee:

for one invention:.....RUB 70,000

for a group of inventions including one independent claim: .....RUB 70,000

additional fee for the second independent claim: .....RUB 40,000

additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims: .....RUB 25,000

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

FI Finland (fees)

Since 1 January 2026, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has changed the fee for priority document, in euros (EUR), payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount now is:

– for a patent: per document, EUR 50.

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

IL Israel (fees)

The **Israel Patent Office** in its capacity as receiving Office has informed the IB of the following changes:

- as from 1 January 2026, the transmittal fee is ILS 656.
- as from 1 March 2026, the fee for priority document is ILS 104.

As from 1 January 2026, the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has changed the amounts of the national filing fee and the fee for reinstatement of rights, which are:

national filing fee .....ILS 2,402

fee for reinstatement of rights .....ILS 240

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IL) and National Chapter, Summary (IL))

SV El Salvador (number of copies on paper; who can act as agent)

The **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** has changed the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed, instead of three.

The Office has also informed about the requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office or designated (or elected) Office, which are now as follows: any person residing in El Salvador; if the agent is a lawyer, they must be a lawyer authorized to practice in El Salvador.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (SV), National Chapter, Summary (SV))

Search fee and preliminary examination fee (Israel Patent Office)

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the IB of amendments to Part I of Annex D ("Fees and Charges") of its Agreement with the International Bureau concerning its functioning as an ISA/IPEA. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2026 and the new amounts of relevant fees are as follows.

Search fee.....ILS 4,203

Additional search fee .....ILS 4,203

Preliminary examination fee .....ILS 1,801

Late payment fee for preliminary examination
amount as set out in Rule 58*bis*.2

Additional preliminary examination fee .....ILS 1,801

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings .....ILS 540

Cost of copies per document .....ILS 52

As from 1 March 2026, the equivalent amounts of the search fee charged by the ISA/IL, payable to the IB acting as receiving Office, have been established as follows: USD 1,333; CHF 1,064; EUR 1,142.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide,* Annex D (IL) and Annex E (IL))

Patent and Utility Model Documents Forming Part of the Minimum Documentation (inclusion of National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France))

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the IB under PCT Rule 34.1(d) of patent documents that will form part of the minimum documentation with effect from 8 March 2026.

Details of the patent documents published by the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France) were published in the *Official Notices* (PCT Gazette) on 8 January 2026. Details of other patent documents constituting the PCT minimum documentation can be found in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 October 2025 and 30 October 2025.

New/Updated PCT Resources

Publication of Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations

The booklet containing the text of both the Patent Cooperation Treaty and the Regulations (WIPO Publication 274), updated as of 1 January 2026, has been published. The new booklet is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish at:

www.wipo.int/publications/en/details.jsp?id=4829

Updated ISA and IPEA Agreement (Israel Patent Office)

The amended Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, to enter into force on 1 March 2026, has been published at:

www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-agreements-ag-il-2026.pdf

PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination (ISPE) Guidelines in Russian

The modified PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination (ISPE) Guidelines to implement the amendments to the PCT Regulations coming into force on 1 January 2026, are now available in Russian, in addition to English, French and Spanish:

www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-ru-texts-ispe.pdf

Presentation slides of PCT Webinars

A series of 15 online webinars was recently presented by WIPO's PCT Consultant Carl Oppedahl with the support of WIPO:

Session 1: What is PCT? Why we care? Paris path versus PCT

Session 2: Planning for PCT and Paris, Article 4 of Paris, SAOSIT, Making use of WIPO DAS

Session 3: Selecting a Receiving Office, RO/US versus RO/IB

Session 4: Selecting an International Searching Authority

Session 5: Preparing a PCT Request – Making use of ePCT and getting benefit of validations, avoiding malpractice on priority claim mistakes

Session 6: Using workplace collaboration features of ePCT as you lead up to the PCT Filing, shared address book, external signatures, document reviews

Session 7: E-Filing of the PCT Application and docketing of PCT thereafter

Session 8: What to do when the International Search Report and Written Opinion arrive, do you file a Demand?

Session 9: Using ePCT for 'actions' such as 92bis requests, communicating with ISAs

Session 10: Mechanics of filing a Demand, steps before and after filing the Demand

Session 11: Understanding and using the five kinds of PCT declarations

Session 12: National-phase entry generally – tips for some Offices

Session 13: Choosing between US national-phase entry and bypass continuation

Session 14: Best practices and procedure for US national-phase entry

Session 15: Making use of PCT-PPH, and comparison with Track I

All the presentation materials, together with recordings to be posted, can be accessed for free from his blog.

Upcoming PCT Trainings

PCT Basics Webinar Series: Episode 3 Mastering PCT time limits on 29 January

PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 3 – Mastering PCT time limits will take place on 29 January 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central European Time (UTC+1). The webinar will look at time limits in the PCT, how they are calculated, docketing time limits, and the most important Forms that trigger PCT time limits. The webinar will be presented by Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division.

The webinar is free – register here to secure your spot.

Join the Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT System. The course is free and available in 10 PCT publication languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. The whole course takes around 4 hours. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration is open from 15 January 2026 to 12 December 2026 at:

https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf

Practical Advice

Essential information to be included in an international application if a last-minute filing cannot be avoided

Q.: Our client has instructed our patent firm only this morning, the last day of the priority period, to file a PCT application. We have the description, claims and drawings, which will be the same as the priority application. We still need to contact the client to double-check whether we have all the information desired to be included in the application but we are concerned about missing the priority period. What information must we submit with the international application before the priority period expires?

A.: Before the priority period expires, you need to submit everything that is necessary to obtain an international filing date and any information that you cannot add or correct subsequently without affecting the international filing date.

The requirements for obtaining an international filing date are listed in PCT Article 11(1). As far as the bibliographic data is concerned, in addition to the applicant's name, it is essential to indicate a country of nationality or residence which is a PCT Contracting State. You need this information to show that the applicant does not obviously lack, for reasons of residence or nationality, the right to file an international application with the receiving Office (RO). Residence or nationality depends on national law of the relevant Contracting State and is determined by the RO. PCT Article 11(1)(i) and (ii) further require that the application be filed with a competent RO and be in a prescribed language. However, if these conditions are not fulfilled, PCT Rule 19.4 requires the RO to transmit the application to the International Bureau as a receiving Office (RO/IB), which is a competent RO for all Contracting States and accepts any language for the purpose of according an international filing date.

You must include the name, address and nationality of the applicant in the request form filed in the application. However, provided you can demonstrate that the applicant has the right to file the international application with the receiving Office for reasons of residency or nationality, if there are inaccuracies in the address, you may be able to request a change to be recorded under PCT Rule 92*bis* after filing without affecting the international filing date that has been accorded.

To obtain an international filing date, the application must also include an indication that it is intended as a PCT application and the designation of at least one PCT Contracting State. These indications are generated by the electronic filing systems accepted by the various ROs for PCT applications, noting that PCT Rule 4.9 states that the filing of a PCT Request constitutes the designation of all Contracting States that are bound by the PCT on the international filing date.

The Request must be signed, and where it is signed by the agent, in general a power of attorney signed by the applicant must be furnished (PCT Rules 4.1(d), 4.15, 26.2*bis*(a), 51*bis*.1(a)(vi) and 90). However, most ROs have waived the requirement that a power be furnished and therefore will not invite you to furnish one if it is missing (for details about each RO, consult the PCT Applicant's Guide, Annex C and the webpage on Waivers of powers of attorney requirement). Moreover, you can add a missing signature and correct a defect relating to the signature under Article 14(1)(a)(i) and PCT Rule 26 after filing, without affecting the international filing date. You should therefore not continue trying to obtain the applicant's (or agent's) signature at the risk of missing the priority period. It is important, however, that you have the power of attorney in your own file as soon as possible in case you need to withdraw the application later (in which case the signature of all applicants is always required—PCT Rule

90*bis*.5). Also, in the national phase, designated Offices may ask you to submit any power which had not been submitted in the international phase.

You may also want to ask the client for other details at this stage, even it is possible to add or correct them within specific time limits and maintain the international filing date accorded to the application. For example, priority claims (PCT Rules 4.10 and 26*bis*), declarations (PCT Rules 4.17 and 26*ter*) and any indications relating to a designation as continuation or continuation-in-part (PCT Rules 4.11 and 26*quater*) may be added or corrected without affecting the international filing date. It is also possible to submit an abstract for the international application after the international filing date.

Furthermore, fees may be paid within one month from the international filing date (PCT Rules 14.1(c), 15.3 and 16.1(f)), and may be even paid within an additional month subject to the payment of a late payment fee (refer to PCT Rule 16*bis*). As the RO will not transmit the search copy before the search fee has been paid, it is recommended to pay as soon as possible as this could affect when you receive the international search report and written opinion. Any required translation for the international search and/or publication should also be furnished as soon as possible; for details, please refer to PCT Rule 12.3 and 12.4.

Further information can be found in the Practical Advice in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

- Signature and right to act as an agent: 07-08/2025, 03/2025, 02/2024, 06/2020
- Declarations: 02/2014
- Abstract: 08/2001

PCT Webinars (https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)			
Date and time	**Language of webinar**	**Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers**	**Registration**
29 January 2026 online 15:00 - 16:00 CET	English	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 3 – Mastering PCT time limits Speaker: Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/training/index

Other IP events
International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), From 11 to 15 March 2026. The 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 11 to 15 March 2026. Further information is available at: https://inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/
World IP Day, 26 April 2026 World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2026/index

Find the latest information on PCT training.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 January 2026, 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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	SYP	Syrian pounds
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	THB	Baht
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TRY	Turkish lira
ISR	international search report	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
Currencies:		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	UYU	Uruguayan peso
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgys som	QAR	Qatari riyal	UZS	Uzbek sum
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	VND	Vietnamese dong
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAR	Saudi riyal	ZAR	South African rand
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SAT	Samoan tala	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 January 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,526	28	–	380	570	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90 (or **BGN** 80 *From 1.2.26, EUR only)*	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,910	130	–	1,790	2,690	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,500	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

(amounts on 1 January 2026, 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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none or eq **DJF**	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 150	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 135	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 75	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 556,500	6,300	–	83,700	125,500	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP
JO	**JOD** 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	**JPY** 17,000[18]	**JPY** 250,500	2,800	–	–	56,500	EP IN JP SG
KE	**USD** 250 or **KES** 5,000 plus cost of mailing	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	**KGS** 4,000[19]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	**KHR** 420,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG

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

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				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[20] KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL –[11]	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	LYD –[11]	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	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 1,428	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 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87[21] (natural persons) USD 375.50[21] (legal persons)	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550[22]	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 16,600	190	–	2,500	3,740	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF –[11]	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT AU EG EP US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.57 on paper: 25.14	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	EG EP SA US
RO	RON 508	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	RSD 10,320[23]	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	RUB 2,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	SAR 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN
SG	SGD 150	SGD 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	EUR online: 45 EUR on paper: 90[24]	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[25]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU

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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 –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD)[26] 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT EP SG
US	USD 285[27] small entity[28]: 114[27] micro entity[28]: 57[27]	USD 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	UYU eq USD 100	UYU eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	UZS 245,000[29]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 28,760	320	–	4,320	6,490	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[30]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **KRW** 3,075,000 **SGD** 2,787 **USD** 2,154 **ZAR** 37,170
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,158 **EUR** 1,243 **KRW** 2, 075,000 **NZD** 2,494 **SGD** 1,878 **USD** 1,452 **ZAR** 25,050
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 403 **USD** 470
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[31] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
	CNY 2,100 **CHF** 235 **EUR** 252 **USD** 294
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 93 **USD** 108 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 384 **EUR** 412 **USD** 481
EG[32]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 67 **EUR** 72 **USD** 84
EP[33]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **CNY** 15,390 **DKK** 13,780 **GBP** 1,605 **HUF** 717,900 **ISK** 261,700 **JPY** 323,700 **NOK** 21,460 **NZD** 3,701 **SEK** 20,270 **SGD** 2,787 **USD** 2,154 **ZAR** 37,170
ES[33]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **USD** 2,154
FI	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **USD** 2,154
IL	**ILS** 4,101 **CHF** 998 **EUR** 1,071 **USD** 1,251 *(From 1.3.2026:* ***ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,064 **EUR** 1,142 **USD** 1,333)*
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 90 **EUR** 96 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 113 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 22 **EUR** 24 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 28
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 759 **EUR** 815 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 952 For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 897 **EUR** 963 **SGD** 1,455 **USD** 1,125
KR[35]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 479 **CHF** 252 **EUR** 270 **NZD** 543 **SGD** 409 **USD** 316 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,276 **CHF** 672 **EUR** 721 **NZD** 1,447 **SGD** 1,089 **USD** 842
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government[36]: **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 93 **USD** 108 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 432 **EUR** 464 **USD** 541
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 20,270 **CHF** 1,719 **DKK** 13,780 **EUR** 1,845 **ISK** 261,700 **NOK** 21,460 **USD** 2,154
SG	**SGD** 2,350 **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 272,900 **KRW** 2,582,000 **USD** 1,816
TR	**TRY** 89,820 **CHF** 1,719 **EUR** 1,845 **USD** 2,154
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 41,410 For small entity[28]: **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 16,560 For micro entity[28]: **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 8,280
XN	**EUR** 1,845 **DKK** 13,780 **CHF** 1,719 **ISK** 261,700 **NOK** 21,460 **SEK** 20,270 **USD** 2,154
XV	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **HUF** 717,900 **USD** 2,154

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 January 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee			Supplementary search handling fee[2, 37]	
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: – for a search of European and North American documentation: – for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	**CHF** **CHF** **CHF**	792 1,109 1,584	**CHF**	200
EP		**CHF**	1,719[33]	**CHF**	200
FI		**CHF**	1,719	**CHF**	200
RU		**CHF** **CHF**	115 182[38]	**CHF**	200
SE		**CHF**	1,719	**CHF**	200
SG		**CHF**	1,449	**CHF**	200
TR	– for a full search: – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	**CHF** **CHF**	1,719 10	**CHF**	200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: – 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** **CHF** **CHF**	84 84 65 56	**CHF**	200
XN	– for a full search: – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	**CHF** **CHF**	1,719 499	**CHF**	200
XV	– for a full search: – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	**CHF** **CHF**	1,654 512	**CHF**	200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

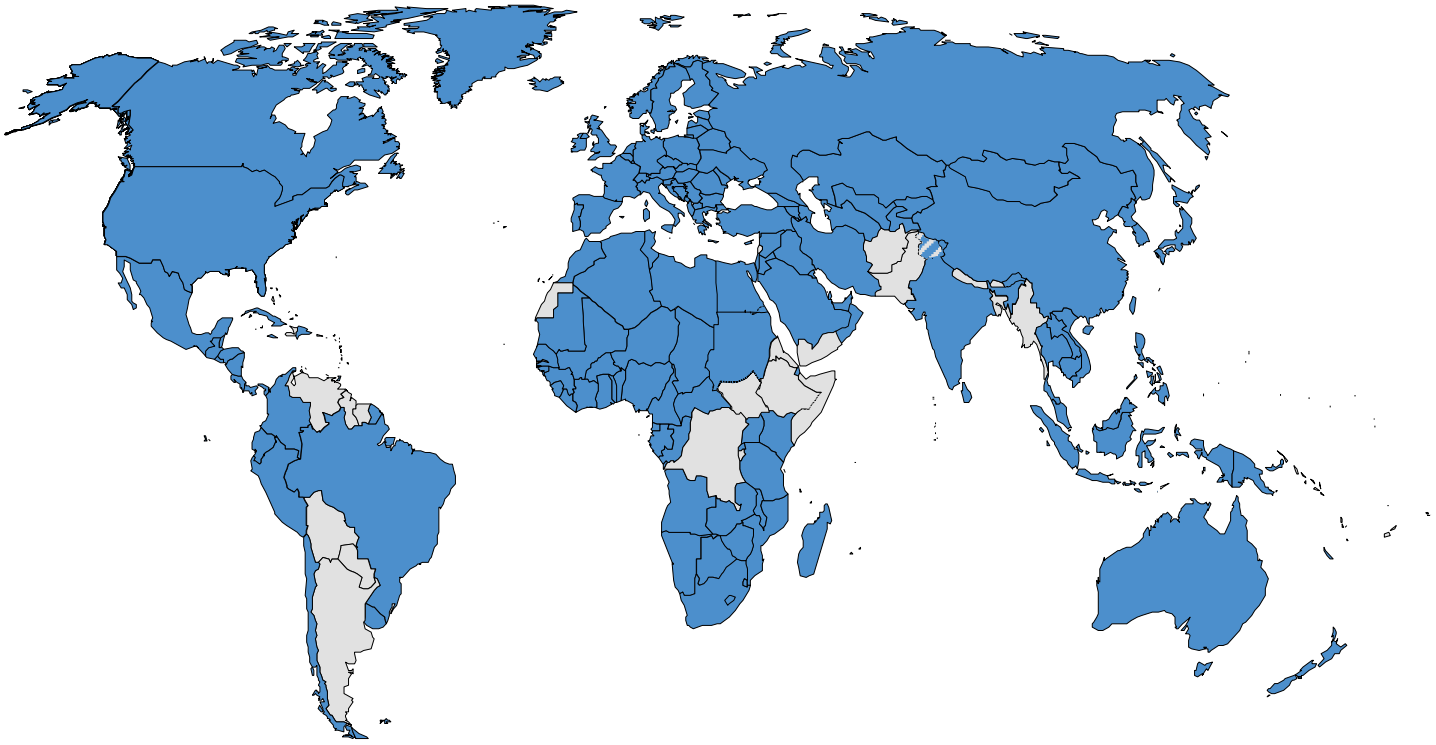
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 380
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
	USD 1,500 in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 in case of filing by a university[31]: **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,790
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 1,915[33]	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[33]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,758 *(from 1.3.26: ILS 1,801)*	**ILS** 822
	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** 251
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 357,000
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[36]**:** **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[41] 7,000[42] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[41] 26,000[42]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[43] For small entity[28]: **USD** 282 352[43] For micro entity[28]: **USD** 141 176[43]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 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.
14 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
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 This fee is reduced by 50% for online filings.
25 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.
26 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%.
27 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.
28 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
29 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
30 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).
31 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.
32 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".
33 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
34 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
35 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.
36 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.
37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
38 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).
39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
42 In all cases where footnote 41 does not apply.
43 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 January 2026)



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
MR Mauritania (OA)[2]
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)
SG Singapore
SI Slovenia (EP)[2]
SK Slovakia (EP)
SL Sierra Leone (AP)
SM San Marino (EP)[2]
SN Senegal (OA)[2]
ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
SV El Salvador
SY Syrian Arab Republic
SZ Eswatini (AP)[2]
TD Chad (OA)[2]
TG Togo (OA)[2]
TH Thailand
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.

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PCT Working Group – Eighteenth Session

The eighteenth session of the PCT Working Group resumed in Geneva on 2 February 2026, following its previous discussions from 18 to 20 February 2025. The following topics were considered by the Working Group during the eighteenth session.

Electronic processing of international applications

The Working Group agreed to submit amendments to Rules 4, 45*bis*, 92*bis* and 94 of the PCT Regulations for approval by the PCT Assembly at its session in July 2026, with the aim of improving electronic services and providing a higher degree of protection for personal data provided for PCT processing. The amendments will require the provision of an email address and a telephone number for processing an international application, allow the exclusion of certain personal data from public access, and provide a basis for changing the address to which correspondence is to be addressed later than 30 months from the priority date (refer to document PCT/WG/18/8 and Annex I to document PCT/WG/18/20).

Establishing equivalent amounts of PCT fees

The Working Group agreed to submit to the Assembly proposed modifications to Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees to streamline the process for establishing equivalent amounts and reduce the time between a fluctuation in an exchange rate and the entry into force of a new equivalent amount to reflect that fluctuation (refer to document PCT/WG/18/12 and Annex II to document PCT/WG/18/20).

Proposal to transmit a copy of the notification of withdrawal (Form PCT/RO/136) to the applicant

The Working Group approved, in principle, modifications to Section 326 of the Administrative Instructions and paragraph 322 of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines which would provide a basis for receiving Offices that wish to do so, to inform the applicant of the processing status of a withdrawal request when the receiving Office transmits the notice effecting such withdrawal to the International Bureau (refer to document PCT/WG/18/10 and Annex III to document PCT/WG/18/20).

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

Filing medium for entering the national phase before designated Offices

The Working Group discussed a study on electronic-only national phase entry and proposals to amend the PCT Regulations that would enable designated or elected Offices to require national phase entry by electronic means, subject to certain conditions. The Working Group invited the International Bureau to consider the amendments further, taking into account the comments made at the session (refer to document PCT/WG/18/4 Rev.).

International publication-related processes

The Working Group discussed proposed changes to the format of international publication that would separate the international search report and any possible statements concerning claims amended under Article 19, which would simplify the publication process and facilitate further text-based processing, and invited the International Bureau to provide additional information or revised plans, taking into account the comments made (refer to document PCT/WG/18/13).

Procedure for extension of appointment of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities

The Working Group agreed on the procedure for the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly) to decide on the extension of appointment of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities and the format of the associated new agreements between the International Bureau and each Authority (refer to documents PCT/WG/18/5, PCT/WG/18/6 and PCT/WG/18/15).

Other issues

The Working Group also considered the following:

- coordination of technical assistance under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/18/9);
- coordination of patent examiner training (see document PCT/WG/18/11);
- a status report of the PCT Minimum Documentation Task Force (see document PCT/WG/18/17);
- a status report of the Sequence Listings Task Force (see document PCT/WG/18/18 Rev.);
- processing sequence listings (see document PCT/WG/18/14);
- a report on the international search report feedback pilot, in which participating Offices provide feedback on international search reports issued by a participating International Searching Authority for international applications entering the national phase (see document PCT/WG/18/7).
- the WIPO Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge (see document PCT/WG/18/16);
- a minor correction of the French version of Rule 26.3*ter* (see document PCT/WG/18/3);
- consequential amendments related to the filing medium of international applications (see document PCT/WG/18/19);

– a report on the thirty-first session of the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (see document PCT/WG/18/2).

Summary and documents

The Summary by the Chair (document PCT/WG/18/20) is available on the WIPO website with the working documents and a link to the webcast videos and speech-to-text transcripts of the session at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=86208

PCT Working Group – Nineteenth Session

The nineteenth session of the PCT Working Group opened on 4 February 2026. The session was suspended and will be resumed at a future date. Documents for the session are available at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=89833

PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation

The thirty-third session of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation was held in Geneva on 2 and 3 February 2026.

The Committee discussed the application from the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) to be appointed as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority (ISA/IPEA) under the PCT (see document PCT/CTC/33/27). The Committee also discussed the applications for extension of appointment of all 25 existing ISA/IPEAs, the periods of appointment of which will expire on 31 December 2027 (see documents PCT/CTC/33/2 to 26). The Committee agreed to recommend to the PCT Assembly the appointment of IMPI as an ISA/IPEA and the extension of appointment of all existing ISA/IPEAs.

The Committee also approved a new format for the model agreement to be used as a basis for preparing the individual agreements that each Office or organization will have with the International Bureau in relation to its functioning as an ISA/IPEA from 1 January 2028. The new format for the agreement will no longer have separate annexes setting out the operational information for each ISA/IPEA; this information will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* and reflected in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. When approving the new format, the Committee agreed to submit to the Assembly amendments to the PCT Regulations necessary for use of the new format for the agreements (see document PCT/CTC/33/28). These amendments will be considered by the PCT Assembly in July 2026 when it decides on the appointment of IMPI and the extensions of appointment of existing ISA/IPEAs and, where appropriate, approves the individual draft agreements between each Office or organization and the International Bureau.

The Summary by the Chair (document PCT/CTC/33/29) is available on the WIPO website with the working documents and a link to the webcast videos and speech-to-text transcripts of the session at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=89830

PCT User Survey reveals high satisfaction levels

The PCT continues to offer a strong, consistent and highly valued service, according to WIPO's most recent PCT user satisfaction survey, carried out in late 2025.

Overall, 90% of respondents said they were either "very satisfied" (44%) or "satisfied" (46%) with the PCT-related services provided by WIPO – in line with previous survey results from 2023 and 2021, and a slight increase on the 88% satisfaction rating in 2019.

The survey is conducted every two years as part of WIPO's ongoing efforts to monitor and continuously improve customer satisfaction. The latest survey was made available in all 10 PCT publication languages during the final quarter of 2025 and received more than 1,700 responses.

Respondents were invited to rate a range of services such as processing of PCT applications by the International Bureau (IB) (including in its capacity as receiving Office), ePCT functions and services, PCT information resources and training provided by WIPO. They also had the opportunity to provide text comments and suggest areas for possible improvement.

The IB is analyzing the survey feedback in detail with a view to further improving PCT services, and PCT users are as always also welcome to send comments and suggestions at any time to:

pct.legal@wipo.int

A summary of the survey results is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/pct-system/docs-en-activity-pct-user-survey-2025.pdf

Technology diffusion under the spotlight in World IP Report 2026

New research from WIPO sheds light on the critical factors that help turn new inventions into widely adopted, impactful innovations.

The World Intellectual Property Report 2026: Technology on the Move draws on 250 years of historical data on technology use and five decades of patent data to explore changing patterns of technology diffusion.

The report finds that new innovations are spreading much more rapidly than innovation in previous eras. The time between the invention of new technologies and their first use worldwide is shrinking, and the technology use gap between advanced economies and others is narrowing for more recent technologies – especially digital technologies.

But while technologies are spreading across borders faster than ever, there remain many challenges in making technology diffusion work in developing economies and coordinated policy action is required to realize the full potential of new technologies.

For more information, visit:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2026/article_0002.html

The report is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/web-publications/world-intellectual-property-report-2026/en/index.html

PATENTSCOPE introduces verified SEP searches

WIPO has enhanced its global patent database, PATENTSCOPE, with the addition of a new feature allowing users to search for verified standard essential patents (SEPs).

The latest enhancement builds on “Declared SEPs” functionality introduced in 2025 which already enabled searches for patents that patentholders have declared as being potentially essential to a technical standard.

The new feature takes that initiative a step further by identifying patents that have been objectively verified as SEPs by independent experts on behalf of a patent pool administrator. The first patent pool administrator to provide verified essentiality data is Sisvel. WIPO is engaging with stakeholders to further expand verified data sources.

More information is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/patents/w/news/2026/patentscope-introduces-verified-sep-searches-announces-upcoming-user-webinars

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) pilots

ARIPO joins Global PPH pilot

On 6 January 2026, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) joined the Global Patent Prosecution Highway (GPPH) pilot, bringing the number of Offices taking part in the pilot to 29.

The GPPH makes it possible to request accelerated processing at any participating Office, based on work products (including, where applicable, a PCT written opinion from either the ISA or the IPEA, or an international preliminary report on patentability (IPRP) (Chapter II)) from any one of the other participating Offices, provided that at least one claim has been found to be patentable by the Office of earlier examination, and that any other applicable eligibility criteria are met. The pilot uses a single set of qualifying requirements and aims to simplify and improve the existing PPH network to make it more accessible to users.

Further information about the GPPH pilot can be found at:

https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/toppage/pph-portal/globalpph.html

The PCT-PPH page of the PCT website has been updated at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/pct_pph.html

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

Under the 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, the Office with which the earlier application was filed needs to be a DAS depositing Office – not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) becomes an Accessing and Depositing Office of DAS

The National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 January 2026, it commenced operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service. The corresponding DAS Notification is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=27

Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits (PCT Rule 82*quater*.1)

Notification under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d) (European Patent Office)

In accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the European Patent Office has notified the International Bureau that applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it expiring between 27 January and 26 February 2026 due to the effects of storms in Portugal during that period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a) before the Office and the need for evidence is waived.

For further information, please refer to the notice published by the EPO on its website at:

https://www.epo.org/en/legal/official-journal/notice-10-february-2026

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva

The 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place at Palexpo in Geneva from 11 to 15 March 2026. The Exhibition is an annual fair that gives participants an opportunity to showcase cutting-edge inventions. This year's event brings together more than 1,000 inventions from 40 countries and regions.

WIPO will operate a booth at the Exhibition and experts from across the Organization's services – including the PCT – will be on hand to offer tailor-made presentations as well as walk-in clinics open to both exhibitors and the public. Please come and join us if you are attending.

For more information about the Exhibition, visit:

https://www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home-en/

PCT Information Update

AU Australia (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Australian Patent Office (IP Australia) has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) – in addition to itself and the Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Australian Patent Office as receiving Office. The arrangements will take effect from 1 March 2026. The specification of the EPO is part of a two-year pilot program (see also Singapore SG, below).

Find information from IP Australia and the EPO at:

https://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/news-and-community/news/international-search-options-expand-for-australian-patent-applicants

https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/collaborating-impact-epo-and-ip-australia-reach-new-milestones

(Updating of *PCT Applicantôs Guide*, Annex C (AU))

BY Belarus (fees)

The amounts of the following fees, payable to the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus) as receiving Office, have changed with effect from 1 January 2026:

Transmittal fee: ..... BYN 110.25

Fee for priority document: ..... BYN 150 for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages

plus BYN 2.40 for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: ..... BYN 225

There has also been a change in the amounts of the following national fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, with effect from the same date:

For patent:

Filing fee: ..... BYN 110.25

- Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ..... BYN 47.25

Examination fee: ..... BYN 535.50

- Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ..... BYN 315

Annual fee for the third year: ..... BYN 110.25

For utility model:

Filing fee: ..... BYN 220.50

- Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ..... BYN 110.25

(Updating of *PCT Applicantôs Guide*, Annex C (BY) and National Chapter, Summary (BY))

DO Dominican Republic (fees)

The National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) has notified the International Bureau (IB) that, with effect since 31 March 2023, the amount of the fee for a priority document, payable to the Office as receiving Office, is as follows:

Fee for priority document …….. DOP 1,980 for the first 10 pages

plus DOP 14 for each additional page

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

EP European Patent Office (fees)

As from 1 April 2026, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	160
Fee for priority document:	EUR	125
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	EUR	790

As from the same date, there will also be a change in the amounts of the following fees, payable to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office:

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated:	EUR	720
Claims fee:		
– for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	290
– for the 51st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	720
Search fee for (international) applications	EUR	1,595
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
– other cases:	EUR	315
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	280
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications for which a supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	2,010
– for (international) applications for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	2,240
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	725

There will also be a change in the amount of the reduction in the search fee component of the national fee payable for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office

or, in accordance with the Protocol on Centralisation, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT) or the Visegrad Patent Institute. The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2026, is EUR 1,365.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (EP) and National Chapter, Summary (EP))

Please note that changes to certain fees relating to international search, supplementary international search and international preliminary examination are published under those categories below.

GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom) (fees)

As from 1 April 2026, there will be a change in the following fees payable to the Intellectual Property Office[1] (United Kingdom) as receiving Office:

Transmittal fee:	GBP	100
Fee for priority document:	GBP	27
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority:	GBP	200

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

JP Japan (discontinuation of fax services)

With effect from 1 April 2026, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) will discontinue the use of its fax services and will no longer accept the filing of international applications and other documents by fax.

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

RU Russian Federation (competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities)

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has specified the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) – in addition to itself, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 February 2026 with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) in its capacity as a receiving Office.

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

[1] Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

SK Slovakia (fees)

The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic as receiving Office has notified the IB that, with effect since 1 January 2026, it no longer charges the transmittal fee, the fee for priority document or the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority.

(Updating of *PCT Applicantôs Guide*, Annex C (SK))

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

As from 1 March 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Israel Patent Office	CHF, EUR, USD
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)	AUD

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

As from 1 April 2026, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR, as well as in the applicable equivalent amounts in other currencies (see below), for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office, together with other fees that will also change:

Search fee:	EUR	1,885
Additional search fee:	EUR	1,885
Protest fee:	EUR	1,070
Review fee:	EUR	1,070
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	280

The amount of the search fee and additional search fee for international searches carried out by the following Offices will also change to EUR 1,885 from 1 April 2026: the Austrian Patent Office, the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI). The applicable equivalent amounts of the search fee in other currencies will also change on the same date.

The amount of the search fee and additional search fee for international searches carried out by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT) will change to TRY 97,060 from 1 April 2026.

As from 1 April 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	EUR, USD
European Patent Office (EPO)	AUD, CHF, CNY, DKK, GBP, HUF, ISK, JPY, NOK, NZD, SEK, SGD, USD, ZAR
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	EUR, USD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, EA, EP, ES, FI, IL, RU, SG, TR and XV))

Supplementary search fee (various Offices)

As from 1 April 2026, there will be a change in the amount payable in EUR for a supplementary international search carried out by the European Patent Office, Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI). The new amount will be EUR 1,885.

From the same date, the amount payable in TRY for a supplementary international search carried out by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT) will change to TRY 97,060.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (EP, FI, TR and XV))

Preliminary examination fee and other fees relating to international preliminary examination (European Patent Office)

As from 1 April 2026, there will be a change in the amount of the following fees, payable in EUR to the European Patent Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Preliminary examination fee:	EUR	2,010
Additional preliminary examination fee:	EUR	2,101
Protest fee:	EUR	1,070
Late furnishing fee:	EUR	280

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

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https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf

Practical Advice

Submitting amendments under PCT Article 34 after filing a demand for international preliminary examination

Q: I would like to file a demand for international preliminary examination together with amendments to the description and drawings. The time limit to file the demand is about to expire. Is it possible to obtain more time to submit the amendments if they are not ready?

A: International preliminary examination is an optional procedure that provides the only possibility during the international phase for an applicant to amend the description, claims and drawings of an international application. This possibility is provided by PCT Article 34, which also provides the right for an applicant to communicate orally and in writing with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The examiner at the IPEA will therefore be able to consider amendments and arguments submitted by the applicant, and this may give the applicant further opportunities to make amendments, as provided by PCT Rules 66.3 and 66.4, before the IPEA establishes the international preliminary examination report. By contrast, without filing a demand for international preliminary examination, an applicant has only one opportunity to amend the claims of an international application before the International Bureau under PCT Article 19, where the amended claims are published but not considered during the international phase. International preliminary examination is often referred to as the procedure under Chapter II, as it is governed by Chapter II of the PCT.

The time limit to file a demand for international preliminary examination is either (i) three months from the date of the transmittal of the international search report (ISR) and the written opinion by the International Searching Authority (ISA) or (ii) 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later (PCT Rule 54*bis*.1(a)).

Generally, the IPEA may start international preliminary examination as soon as it is in possession of the demand, the fees due, the ISR and the written opinion of the ISA, provided that any translation required under PCT Rule 55.2 has been furnished. It is therefore advisable to file the demand and pay the applicable fees as soon as possible after you receive the results of the international search since the earlier the examination starts, the more time you will have to communicate with the examiner before the IPEA must establish its report. It is generally recommended to submit amendments and any arguments at the same time as filing the demand, noting that the IPEA need not take into account any amendments or arguments which it receives after it has begun to draw up its own written opinion or the report under PCT Rule 66.4*bis*).

If your amendments are not ready when the time limit under PCT Rule 54*bis*.1(a) to file a demand is about to expire, and you wish the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of the amendments, it is important to ensure that at least the demand is filed within the

time limit.[2] You should indicate in the demand that you wish the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of the description, claims or drawings as amended under PCT Article 34 (Box No. IV of Form PCT/IPEA/401). If no such amendments have in fact been submitted, the IPEA will invite you to submit them within a time limit fixed in the invitation (PCT Rule 60.1(g)) (using Form PCT/IPEA/431). The IPEA will not start examination before it has received the amendments, or before the time limit fixed in the invitation has expired (PCT Rules 60.1(g) and 69.1(e)). Please note that as this will delay the start of the examination, you may have less time to communicate with the examiner, noting that the IPEA must still establish the report within the time limit of PCT Rule 69.2, that is (where any required translation has been furnished together with the demand), 28 months from the priority date or 6 months from the start of the examination, whichever expires last.

Further information can be found in the Practical Advice in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

- 03/2005: Time limit for submitting a formal response to a written opinion of the ISA where a demand for international preliminary examination is being filed
- 06/2019: The timing of the start of the international preliminary examination (following the amendment to PCT Rule 69.1(a))

[2] The demand may be submitted via ePCT to the International Bureau, which will transmit it to the competent IPEA in accordance with PCT Article 31(6)(a) and Rule 59.3. In this case, the demand will be considered to have been received by the competent IPEA on the date of receipt by the International Bureau.

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
26 February 2026 online 16:30–17:30 KST	Korean	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 3 – Mastering PCT time limits Speaker: Ms. Ji Eun Park, Program Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/training/index
19 March 2026 online 15:00–16:00 CET	English	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 4 – Get on the e-filing highway Speaker: Mr. Pascal Piriou, Senior Customer Support Assistant, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/training/index
24 March 2026 online 09:00–12:00 CET	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): "PCT System: priority art for international and national phases – grace period" Speakers: Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO; Mr. Ezhov (EAPO); Ms. Senchikhina (Rospatent)	Register here Find more information at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/training/index

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
17 March 2026 online 17:30–18:30 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE Speaker: Ms. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing and Communications Officer, Global Databases Division, WIPO	Register here
19 March 2026 online 08:30–09:30 CET	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE Speaker: Ms. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing and Communications Officer, Global Databases Division, WIPO	Register here

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International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva (Switzerland), from 11 to 15 March 2026. The 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva will take place in Geneva from 11 to 15 March 2026. Further information is available at: https://inventions-geneva.ch/en/home/
World IP Day, 26 April 2026 World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2026/index

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 February 2026, 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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	SYP	Syrian pounds
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	THB	Baht
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TRY	Turkish lira
ISR	international search report	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
Currencies:		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	UYU	Uruguayan peso
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgys som	QAR	Qatari riyal	UZS	Uzbek sum
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	VND	Vietnamese dong
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAR	Saudi riyal	ZAR	South African rand
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SAT	Samoan tala	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 February 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,526	28	–	380	570	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,910	130	–	1,790	2,690	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,500	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

(amounts on 1 February 2026, 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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 150 *(From 1.4.2026 :* ***EUR*** *160)*	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 75 *(From 1.4.2026 :* ***GBP*** *100)*	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 556,500	6,300	–	83,700	125,500	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
JO	**JOD** 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	**JPY** 17,000[18]	**JPY** 250,500	2,800	–	–	56,500	EP IN JP SG
KE	**USD** 250 or **KES** 5,000 plus cost of mailing	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	**KGS** 4,000[19]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	**KHR** 420,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	**KZT** 10,264.80	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	**LSL** –[11]	**LSL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	**EUR** 92	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	**EUR** 19	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	**EUR** 70	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	**LYD** –[11]	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	**MKD** 2,700	**MKD** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	EP
MN	none	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	**EUR** 55	**EUR** 1,428	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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	**USD** 93.87[21] (natural persons) **USD** 375.50[21] (legal persons)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	**MYR** 550[22]	**MYR** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	**EUR** 50	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	**NOK** 800	**NOK** 16,600	190	–	2,500	3,740	EP SE XN
NZ	**NZD** 207	**NZD** 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	**XAF** –[11]	**XAF** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	**OMR** 40	**OMR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	**USD** 240	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	**PEN** 233.35	**PEN** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	**PGK** 250	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	**PHP** 4,200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.57 on paper: 25.14	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	**QAR** 400	**QAR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	EG EP SA US
RO	**RON** 508	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	**RSD** 10,320[23]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	**USD** 100	**SAR** 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
SG	SGD 150	SGD 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	none	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU
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 –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD)[25] 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT EP SG
US	USD 285[26] small entity[27]: 114[26] micro entity[27]: 57[26]	USD 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	UYU eq USD 100	UYU eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	UZS 245,000[28]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 28,760	320	–	4,320	6,490	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[29]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **KRW** 3,075,000 **SGD** 2,787 **USD** 2,154 **ZAR** 37,170 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885)*
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,158 **EUR** 1,243 **KRW** 2,075,000 **NZD** 2,494 **SGD** 1,878 **USD** 1,452 **ZAR** 25,050
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 403 **USD** 470
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[30] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 235 **EUR** 252 **USD** 294
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 93 **USD** 108 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *98* ***USD*** *116)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 384 **EUR** 412 **USD** 481 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *435* ***USD*** *516)*
EG[31]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 67 **EUR** 72 **USD** 84
EP[32]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **CNY** 15,390 **DKK** 13,780 **GBP** 1,605 **HUF** 717,900 **ISK** 261,700 **JPY** 323,700 **NOK** 21,460 **NZD** 3,701 **SEK** 20,270 **SGD** 2,787 **USD** 2,154 **ZAR** 37,170 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***CNY*** *15,710* ***DKK*** *14,080* ***GBP*** *1,632* ***HUF*** *719,500* ***ISK*** *263,600* ***JPY*** *345,900* ***NOK*** *21,620* ***NZD*** *3,717* ***SEK*** *19,950* ***SGD*** *2,842* ***USD*** *2,237* ***ZAR*** *35,800)*
ES[32]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885)*
FI	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885)*
IL	**ILS** 4,101 **CHF** 998 **EUR** 1,071 **USD** 1,251 *(From 1.3.2026:* ***ILS*** *4,203* ***CHF*** *1,064* ***EUR*** *1,142* ***USD*** *1,333)*
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 90 **EUR** 96 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 113 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 22 **EUR** 24 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 28
JP[33]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 759 **EUR** 815 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 952 For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 897 **EUR** 963 **SGD** 1,455 **USD** 1,125
KR[34]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 479 **CHF** 252 **EUR** 270 **NZD** 543 **SGD** 409 **USD** 316 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,276 **CHF** 672 **EUR** 721 **NZD** 1,447 **SGD** 1,089 **USD** 842
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government[35]: **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 93 **USD** 108 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *98* ***USD*** *116)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 432 **EUR** 464 **USD** 541 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *489* ***USD*** *580)*
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 20,270 **CHF** 1,719 **DKK** 13,780 **EUR** 1,845 **ISK** 261,700 **NOK** 21,460 **USD** 2,154
SG	**SGD** 2,350 **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 272,900 **KRW** 2,582,000 **USD** 1,816 *(From 1.3.2026:* ***AUD*** *2,643)*
TR	**TRY** 89,820 **CHF** 1,719 **EUR** 1,845 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***TRY*** *97,060)*

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 February 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 41,410 For small entity[27]: **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 16,560 For micro entity[27]: **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 8,280
XN	**EUR** 1,845 **DKK** 13,780 **CHF** 1,719 **ISK** 261,700 **NOK** 21,460 **SEK** 20,270 **USD** 2,154
XV	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **HUF** 717,900 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885)*

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 February 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee		Supplementary search handling fee[2, 36]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation:	**CHF** 792	**CHF** 200
	– for a search of European and North American documentation:	**CHF** 1,109	
	– for a search of PCT minimum documentation:	**CHF** 1,584	
EP		**CHF** 1,719[32]	**CHF** 200
	(From 1.4.2026:	***EUR*** *1,885)*	
FI		**CHF** 1,719	**CHF** 200
	(From 1.4.2026:	***EUR*** *1,885)*	
RU		**CHF** 115	**CHF** 200
		CHF 182[37]	
SE		**CHF** 1,719	**CHF** 200
SG		**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search:	**CHF** 1,719	**CHF** 200
	– for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority:	**CHF** 10	
	(Fee for a full search from 1.4.2026:	***TRY*** *97,060)*	
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** 65	
	– 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** 1,719	**CHF** 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish:	**CHF** 499	
XV	– for a full search:	**CHF** 1,654	**CHF** 200
	– for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak:	**CHF** 512	
	(Fee for a full search from 1.4.2026:	***EUR*** *1,885)*	

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

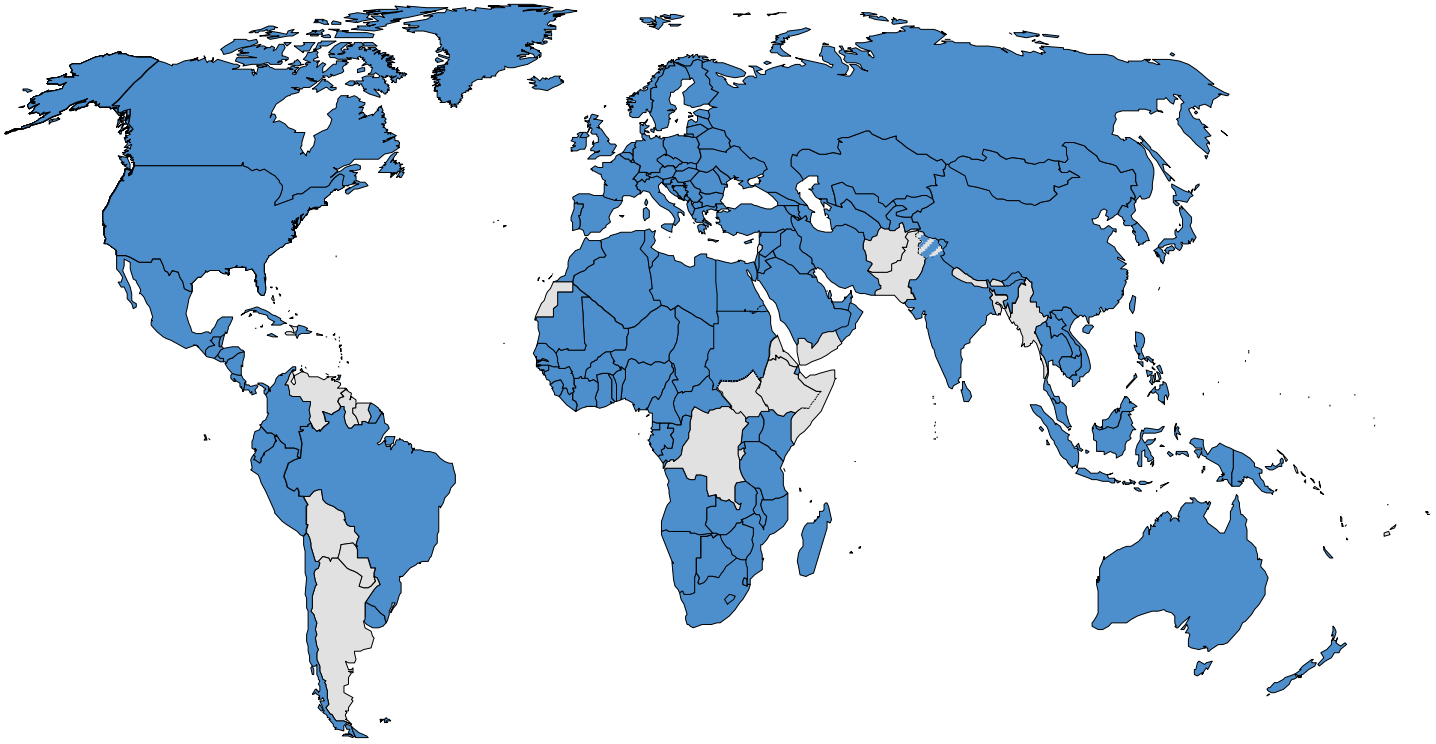
(amounts on 1 February 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[38]	Handling fee[2, 38] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[29]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[39]	**AUD** 380
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
	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[30]: **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,790
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 1,915[32] *(from 1.4.2026: EUR 2,010)*	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[32]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,758 *(from 1.3.2026: ILS 1,801)*	**ILS** 822
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** 251
JP[33]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 357,000
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[35]: **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[40] 7,000[41] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[40] 26,000[41]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[42] For small entity[27]: **USD** 282 352[42] For micro entity[27]: **USD** 141 176[42]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
29 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).
30 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
31 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".
32 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
33 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
34 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.
35 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.
36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
37 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).
38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
42 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 February 2026)



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BE Belgium (EP)[2]
BF Burkina Faso (OA)[2]
BG Bulgaria (EP)
BH Bahrain
BJ Benin (OA)[2]
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BR Brazil
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CF Central African Republic (OA)[2]
CG Congo (OA)[2]
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TT Trinidad and Tobago
TZ United Republic of Tanzania (AP)
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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).

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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.

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PCT filings rise again in 2025

International patent applications filed through the PCT system grew by 0.7% to reach 275,900 filings worldwide in 2025 – the second annual increase in a row.

As in 2024, information and communications technologies accounted for a significant share of activity. More than a fifth of all PCT applications related to digital communication (11.1%) and computer technology (9.6%), while filings for digital communication and semiconductors grew by 6.1% each.

China remained the leading origin of PCT filings with 73,718 applications (up 5.3% from 2024). Other top countries of origin included the United States of America (52,617 applications, -3.0% growth), Japan (47,922, -1.0%), the Republic of Korea (25,016, +4.9%) and Germany (16,441, -1.8%).

The top 10 countries of origin, their number of filings and their share of total filings were as follows (preliminary figures):

1.	China	73,718	26.7%
2.	United States of America	52,617	19.1%
3.	Japan	47,922	17.4%
4.	Republic of Korea	25,016	9.1%
5.	Germany	16,441	6.0%
6.	France	7,778	2.8%
7.	United Kingdom	5,809	2.1%
8.	Switzerland	5,012	1.8%
9.	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	4,239	1.5%
10.	Sweden	3,857	1.4%

The top eight countries of origin all held the same positions in the rankings as in 2024. However, the Netherlands moved up one place to number 9 and Sweden advanced to the number 10 spot, with India falling from ninth in 2024 to 12th in 2025.

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China-based telecommunications company Huawei Technologies had 7,523 PCT applications published during 2025, maintaining its status as leading PCT applicant for the ninth year running. Three of the other top 10 applicants were also from China along with three from the Republic of Korea, two from Japan and one from the United States of America. Their 2025 published PCT application totals were as follows:

1.	Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd (CN)	7,523
2.	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd (KR)	4,968
3.	Qualcomm Incorporated (US)	3,227
4.	LG Electronics Inc. (KR)	2,400
5.	Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CN)	2,203
6.	Panasonic Intellectual Property Management Co., Ltd (JP)	2,094
7.	LG Energy Solution, Ltd (KR)	1,958
8.	BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd (CN)	1,946
9.	Beijing Xiaomi Mobile Software Co., Ltd (CN)	1,921
10.	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (JP)	1,835

Jio Platforms Limited of India entered the global top 20 following a huge increase of 971 in its published PCT applications. Other applicants that entered or returned to the top 20 included NTT Docomo, Inc. (Japan), Nokia Technologies OY (Finland) and Beijing Zitiao Network Technology Co., Ltd (China).

Filing activity in the education sector was led by the University of California with 488 published PCT applications. Five other US institutions featured among the top 10 applicants from the sector, along with two universities from China and one each from Japan and the Republic of Korea.

For more information on the 2025 PCT filings, including results for all countries of origin, refer to the press release and its annexes at:

https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2026/article_0003.html

Please note that all data are provisional as some PCT applications filed with national and regional Offices in 2025 may not yet have been received at the International Bureau (IB). Final results will be reported later this year.

International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva showcases global innovation

The 51st International Exhibition of Inventions Geneva has concluded successfully after five very busy days. Between 11 and 15 March 2026, inventors, investors, and the general public came together at Palexpo, Geneva, to explore more than 1,000 inventions from 35 countries and regions.

Alongside a hall full of exhibits, an extensive program of presentations and workshops was on offer, including a range of activities for children and young people.

More than 30,000 entries were recorded.

WIPO was once again one of the patrons of the Exhibition, and around 50 personnel from the Organization – including members of the PCT team – were on hand throughout to meet participants and offer expert advice on all aspects of intellectual property (IP) protection. WIPO shared a booth with the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, and WIPO colleagues toured the hall to meet exhibitors and visitors.

The WIPO Prize at the Exhibition was awarded to MTR Corporation Ltd of Hong Kong SAR for its Acoustic GearGuard technology, which uses sound technology to monitor train parts without touching them.

For more information about the Exhibition, visit:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/w/news/2026/wipo-connects-with-innovators-at-the-2026-international-exhibition-of-inventions-geneva

https://www.inventions-geneva.ch/en/home-en/

IP leaders urge support for women innovators on International Women's Day

WIPO has joined scores of IP Offices around the world in calling for more action to advance participation by women and girls in creativity, innovation and IP.

In a joint statement issued to mark International Women's Day on 8 March, signatories highlighted the need to make IP systems accessible and ensure that women can own and control the commercial outcomes of their work.

Women are underrepresented in the IP ecosystem. According to WIPO's *World Intellectual Property Indicators 2025*, only 18% of inventors listed in published PCT applications in 2024 were women. Policymakers in many countries are looking to close this gap as a critical part of efforts to enhance social justice, unlock potential, and drive economic growth and sustainable development.

The joint message is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/women/docs-en-2026-international-womens-day-ipos-joint-message.pdf

For more information about women and IP, including details of a range of initiatives, visit:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/women

Reminder – WIPO Global Awards 2026 for startups and SMEs

There is still time to apply for this year's WIPO Global Awards – the closing date is 31 March 2026.

The Awards celebrate startups and SMEs that use IP to grow their businesses and generate positive impact. Ten company awards will be offered to five startups and five SMEs selected from various sectors, and a thematic award will be given to an SME in the sports sector (echoing the theme of WIPO World IP Day 2026), in addition to two Special Mentions (Best Woman Entrepreneur and Best Youth Entrepreneur).

Entrepreneurs from all industries and all regions of the world can apply, and applications are accepted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

The winners will gain international recognition through the WIPO-UN network and will be offered a customized six-month mentorship on IP strategy, commercialization, and business growth. They will also have chances to connect with investors, corporations, institutions, and business hubs worldwide – including at an Awards Ceremony in Geneva during the WIPO Assemblies, to be held in July 2026.

For more information, visit: www.wipo.int/en/web/awards/global

PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) pilots

PPH pilots between Austria and China and Czechia and China

Two Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot programs have been extended recently. The pilot program between China and Czechia has been extended for three years, from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028, while the pilot between Austria and China has been extended for five years, from 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2031.

Further information can be found at:

https://english.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/12/30/art_1340_203388.html

https://upv.gov.cz/en/ip-rights/inventions-and-patents/cooperation-programs-and-bilateral-agreements

https://english.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2026/3/2/art_3090_204815.html

https://www.patentamt.at/en/all-news/news-detail/artikel/patent-prosecution-highway-mit-china-bis-2031-verlaengert

Electronic filing and processing of international applications

Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain) to begin receiving and processing international applications in electronic form

The Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the IB under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 that, with effect from 1 October 2026, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. The Office will accept international applications filed in electronic form using ePCT-Filing. The applicable electronic filing fee reductions listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees are indicated in Fee Table I(a).

The 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 19 March 2026 at:

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

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

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can request the 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, the Office with which the earlier application was filed needs to be a DAS depositing Office – not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) becomes an Accessing and Depositing Office of DAS

The Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) has notified the IB that, with effect from 1 May 2026, it will commence operation as both a depositing and an accessing Office of the WIPO Digital Access Service. The corresponding DAS Notification is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating-offices/search-details?territoryId=158

PCT Information Update

EG Egypt (Office name and email changes; fee changes)

The Egyptian Patent Office has notified the IB of changes in the name of the Office and its email addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority
Email:	patinfo@egypo.gov.eg (for PCT matters) egypa-info@egypo.gov.eg

The Office has also notified the IB that its national legislation does not restrict the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (EG))

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of the examination fee component of the national fee for patents payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 18 June 2025, is EGP 50,000. Students are no longer exempt from paying the examination fee.

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

ID Indonesia (institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made)

The following depositary institution acquired the status of International Depositary Authority (IDA) under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with effect since 24 February 2026:

Indonesian Culture Collection (InaCC)
Directorate of Scientific Collection Management
National Research and Innovation Agency
(Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional, BRIN)
Kawasan Sains dan Teknologi Dr. (H.C.) Ir. H. Soekarno
Jl. Raya Bogor Km. 46
Cibinong 16911, West Java
Indonesia

The full text of Budapest Notification No. 378 is available at:

https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/treaties/notifications/details/treaty_budapest_378

JP Japan (fees)

From 1 May 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in JPY of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the electronic filing reduction (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, and the handling fee payable to the Japan Patent Office, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

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

KR Republic of Korea (Office name change)

The Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP) (Republic of Korea) has notified the IB that the name of the Office is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (KR))

MN Mongolia (email change)

The Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia has notified the IB of a change to its email address, which is now as follows:

Email:	ipinfo@ipom.gov.mn

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (MN))

UY Uruguay (Office name change)

The National Directorate of Industrial Property (DNPI) (Uruguay) has notified the IB that the name of the Office is now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Directorate of Industrial Property and Software Registry (DNPIRS) (Uruguay)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (UY))

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

The amount of the search fee and additional search fee for international searches carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute will change to DKK 14,080 from 1 April 2026.

The amount of the search fee and additional search fee for international searches carried out by the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) will change to SEK 19,950 from 1 April 2026.

From 1 March 2026 to 31 March 2026, there will be a new equivalent amount in Australian dollars (AUD) for the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office (EPO).

From 1 April 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office	CHF, KRW, SGD, USD, ZAR
Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	CHF, USD
Nordic Patent Institute	CHF, EUR, ISK, NOK, SEK, USD
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	CHF, USD
Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	CHF, DKK, EUR, ISK, NOK, USD
Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)	CHF, HUF, USD

From 1 May 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office	KRW, USD
Indian Patent Office	CHF
Japan Patent Office (JPO)	CHF
Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)	AUD
United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	ZAR

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, AU, EP, ES, FI, JP, KR, SE, US, XN and XV))

Supplementary search fee (various Offices)

From 1 April 2026, the amount payable in CHF for a supplementary international search carried out by the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) will change to CHF 1,734.

From the same date, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for the supplementary search fee for supplementary international searches carried out by the following Offices:

European Patent Office (EPO)	CHF
Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	CHF
Nordic Patent Institute	CHF
Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT)	CHF
Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)	CHF

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (EP, FI, TR, XN and XV))

New/updated PCT resources

PCT Applicant's Guide: enhanced version of eGuide in Chinese

WIPO has released an enhanced version in Chinese of the textual portions of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, its comprehensive collection of useful information about the PCT system.

The new release includes HTML versions of the two general parts of the Guide – the Introduction to the International Phase and the Introduction to the National Phase – alongside the previously available pdf versions, making it easier for users to navigate through the text.

The changes are the latest step in ongoing work to optimize the Guide for a wide range of digital devices by improving indexing, search and other functions. HTML versions of the general parts are already available in English, French, Japanese, Spanish and Russian, and a Korean version is in preparation.

You can access the eGuide at:

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

Further enhancements are in the pipeline, and you are welcome to send feedback and suggestions to:

pct.legal@wipo.int

Upcoming PCT Trainings

Join the Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT System. The course is free and available in 10 PCT publication languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. The whole course takes around 4 hours. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration is open from 15 January 2026 to 12 December 2026 at:

https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf

Practical Advice

Options and consequences when the International Searching Authority finds a lack of unity of invention

Q: The International Searching Authority (ISA) has found that the PCT application I filed does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention. It has sent me partial search results with an invitation to pay additional fees within one month (Form PCT/ISA/206). I do not agree with this finding. What options do I have?

A: A PCT application must relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (PCT Articles 3(4)(iii) and 17(3)(a), PCT Rule 13.1). This is referred to in PCT terminology as "unity of invention." Whether an application complies with the requirement of unity of invention must be determined in accordance with the

interpretation of unity of invention contained in Annex B of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Section 206 of the Administrative Instructions). If the ISA considers that the international application does not comply with the requirement, it will initially search the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims ("the main invention"). Under PCT Article 17(3)(a), it will also invite the applicant to pay additional fees for each additional invention that has not been searched (Form PCT/ISA/206).

The invitation to pay additional fees that you have received should specify the reasons why the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, the amount of additional fees to be paid, and the date by which you must pay the fees, which is one month from the date of the invitation (PCT Rule 40.1). This time limit is strict and cannot normally be extended, noting that the ISA has a time limit for establishing the international search report and written opinion (PCT Rules 42 and 43*bis*.1(a)). If you would like the ISA to search the additional inventions, the fees must be paid within the time limit.

If you disagree with the determination of lack of unity of invention and would like to challenge the finding, you need to pay the additional fees for the inventions that you would like the ISA to search under protest (PCT Rule 40.2(c)). The protest is a statement which you submit to argue that your application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fees is excessive – in other words, you believe that there are fewer inventions or groups of inventions than the corresponding amount of additional fees requested. The ISA may charge a protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)); if so, the ISA will also specify this in the invitation and you must also pay the protest fee within one month of receiving the invitation. The amounts of the applicable search fee and protest fee may be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D for those ISAs that charge them (not all ISAs require payment of a protest fee).

If the applicable protest fee is paid within the time limit, a review body constituted within the ISA will review the protest and, if it concludes that the protest is justified, will order total or partial reimbursement of the fees in question including any protest fee.[1] You may also request that the text of the protest and the related decision be notified to the designated Offices, but you will be required to furnish any translation of the text and decision that each designated Office may require (PCT Rule 40.2(c)).

The ISA will establish the international search report on the main invention and any parts of the international application relating to the other inventions for which the additional fees have been paid within the time limit (PCT Article 17(3)(a)). It will not search claims that in its view are not part of the main invention unless the additional fees have been paid in time. Nevertheless, all the claims, including those that have not been searched, will be included in the international application to be published and will be part of the application entering the national phase. Please also note that it is not possible to divide international applications during the international phase.

If you do not pay the additional fees, there is normally no other possibility of having the claims not relating to the main invention searched in the international phase. The International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) is not obliged to examine claims that have not been searched (PCT Rule 66.1(e)) and in practice would not do so. Similarly, requesting a supplementary international search under PCT Rule 45*bis* will not enable you to have all claims

[1] Although an additional fee is required for each separate invention, only one protest fee is payable (where applicable), regardless of the number of additional search fees that you may have been invited to pay.

searched, since an Authority specified for supplementary search (SISA) may exclude from supplementary search any claims that were not the subject of the international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*.5(d)).

The consequences in relation to the unsearched claims will depend on the applicable national law. The law of a designated State may provide that, where the designated Office finds that the ISA's finding of lack of unity of invention was justified, the Office can consider those parts of the application that have not been searched to have been withdrawn with effect in the country concerned unless a special fee is paid to the Office (PCT Article 17(3)(b)). Under Article 4(G) of the Paris Convention, a designated State must also provide the applicant with the right to divide the patent application into divisional applications and preserve the date of the initial application and the benefit of any right of priority, although national law can specify the conditions where such divisions shall be authorized. For details on specific national requirements, please refer to the National Chapter for each Office in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Further information can be found in the Practical Advice in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

- 06/2021: Addressing a finding of lack of unity of invention by the ISA
- 07/2013: Amending the international application in order to address a finding of lack of unity of invention
- 09/2008: The consequences of a finding of lack of unity of invention of an international application on (i) the international preliminary examination and (ii) the national phase
- 08/2008: The consequences of a finding by the ISA of lack of unity of invention

PCT Newsletter readers are welcome to suggest questions for future Practical Advice articles. We cannot promise to cover every suggested topic, but we always give your ideas careful consideration. Please send feedback to: pct.newsletter@wipo.int

PCT Seminar Calendar

(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)
(situation as at 20 March 2026)

Date and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers	Organizer and contact details
20 April 2026 Changsha (CN)	Chinese and English	Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) system and global patent protection WIPO speakers: Mr. Yu, Mr. Bai and Mr. Ma	China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) (Ms. Han Bing) Email: hanbing@ccpit.org Tel: (86-10) 82217366
23 April 2026 Foshan (CN)	Chinese and English	As above	As above
27 April 2026 Xiamen (CN)	Chinese and English	As above	As above

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
24 March 2026 online 09:00–12:00 CET	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): “PCT System: priority art for international and national phases – grace period” Speakers: Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO; Mr. Ezhov (EAPO); Ms. Senchikhina (Rospatent)	Register here Find more information at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/training/index
16 April 2026 online 10:00–12:30 CET	Russian	CACEEC regional webinar for students: “Introduction to intellectual property and the PCT System” Speakers: Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information at: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/pct-system/training/index

Other IP events
World IP Day, 26 April 2026 World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/ipday/2026/index

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2026, 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 –	BRL	Brazilian real	HUF	Hungarian forint	MKD	Macedonian denar	SGD	Singapore dollar
IA	international application	BYN	Belarusian rouble	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	MUR	Mauritian rupee	SYP	Syrian pounds
IPEA	International Preliminary Examining Authority	BZD	Belize dollar	ILS	New Israeli sheqel	MWK	Malawian kwacha	THB	Baht
		CAD	Canadian dollar	INR	Indian rupee	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	TJS	Tajik somoni
ISA	International Searching Authority	CHF	Swiss franc	IQD	Iraqi dinar	NOK	Norwegian krone	TND	Tunisian dinar
		CLP	Chilean peso	IRR	Iranian rial	NZD	New Zealand dollar	TRY	Turkish lira
ISR	international search report	CNY	Yuan renminbi	ISK	Icelandic krona	OMR	Omani rial	TTD	Trinidad and Tobago dollar
		COP	Colombian peso	JMD	Jamaican dollar	PEN	Nuevo sol	UAH	Ukrainian hryvnia
RO	receiving Office	CUP	Cuban peso	JOD	Jordanian dinar	PGK	Kina	UGX	Uganda shilling
		CVE	Cabo Verde escudo	JPY	Japanese yen	PHP	Philippine peso	USD	US dollar
Currencies:		CZK	Czech koruna	KES	Kenyan shilling	PLN	Polish zloty	UYU	Uruguayan peso
ALL	Albanian lek	DJF	Djibouti franc	KGS	Kyrgys som	QAR	Qatari riyal	UZS	Uzbek sum
AMD	Armenian dram	DKK	Danish krone	KHR	Cambodian riel	RON	New leu	VND	Vietnamese dong
AUD	Australian dollar	DZD	Algerian dinar	KPW	Won (KP)	RSD	Serbian dinar	XAF	CFA franc BEAC
AZN	Azerbaijani manat	EGP	Egyptian pound	KRW	Won (KR)	RUB	Russian rouble	XCD	East Caribbean dollar
BAM	Convertible mark	EUR	Euro	KZT	Kazakh tenge	SAR	Saudi riyal	ZAR	South African rand
BGN	Bulgarian lev	GBP	Pound sterling	LSL	Lesotho loti	SAT	Samoan tala	ZWD	Zimbabwe dollar
BHD	Bahraini dinar	GHS	Ghanaian cedi	LYD	Libyan dinar	SDG	Sudanese pound		
BND	Brunei dollar	HRK	Croatian kuna	MAD	Moroccan dirham	SEK	Swedish krona		

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,526	28	–	380	570	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,910	130	–	1,790	2,690	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,500	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

(amounts on 1 March 2026, 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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 150 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *160)*	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 75 *(From 1.4.2026 :* ***GBP*** *100)*	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 556,500	6,300	–	83,700	125,500	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 March 2026, 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]	
JO	**JOD** 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	**JPY** 17,000[18]	**JPY** 250,500 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***JPY*** *264,900)*	2,800 *(3,000)*	–	–	56,500 *(59,800)*	EP IN JP SG
KE	**USD** 250 or **KES** 5,000 plus cost of mailing	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	**KGS** 4,000[19]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	**KHR** 420,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	**KZT** 10,264.80	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	**LSL** –[11]	**LSL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	**EUR** 92	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	**EUR** 19	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	**EUR** 70	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	**LYD** –[11]	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	**MKD** 2,700	**MKD** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	EP
MN	none	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	**EUR** 55	**EUR** 1,428	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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	**USD** 93.87[21] (natural persons) **USD** 375.50[21] (legal persons)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	**MYR** 550[22]	**MYR** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	**EUR** 50	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	**NOK** 800	**NOK** 16,600	190	–	2,500	3,740	EP SE XN
NZ	**NZD** 207	**NZD** 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	**XAF** –[11]	**XAF** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	**OMR** 40	**OMR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	**USD** 240	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	**PEN** 233.35	**PEN** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	**PGK** 250	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	**PHP** 4,200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.57 on paper: 25.14	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	**QAR** 400	**QAR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	EG EP SA US
RO	**RON** 508	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	**RSD** 10,320[23]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	**USD** 100	**SAR** 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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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]	
SG	**SGD** 150	**SGD** 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	**EUR** 91	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	none	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	**SYP** 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU
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** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	**UAH** (or eq **EUR** or **USD**)[25] 2,600	**USD** (or eq **UAH** or **EUR**) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	**UGX** refer to Office	**UGX** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT EP SG
US	**USD** 285[26] small entity[27]: 114[26] micro entity[27]: 57[26]	**USD** 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	**UYU** eq **USD** 100	**UYU** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	**UZS** 245,000[28]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	**VND** 300,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	**SAT** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	**ZAR** 525	**ZAR** 28,760	320	–	4,320	6,490	AT AU EP US
ZM	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	**ZWD** 6,000	**ZWD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[29]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **KRW** 3,075,000 **SGD** 2,787 **USD** 2,154 **ZAR** 37,170 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***KRW*** *3,250,000* ***SGD*** *2,842* ***USD*** *2,237* ***ZAR*** *35,800)*
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,158 **EUR** 1,243 **KRW** 2,075,000 **NZD** 2,494 **SGD** 1,878 **USD** 1,452 **ZAR** 25,050 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***KRW*** *2,268,000* ***USD*** *1,555)*
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 403 **USD** 470
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[30] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 235 **EUR** 252 **USD** 294
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 93 **USD** 108 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *98* ***USD*** *116)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 384 **EUR** 412 **USD** 481 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *435* ***USD*** *516)*
EG[31]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 67 **EUR** 72 **USD** 84
EP[32]	**AUD** 3,140 **EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **CNY** 15,390 **DKK** 13,780 **GBP** 1,605 **HUF** 717,900 **ISK** 261,700 **JPY** 323,700 **NOK** 21,460 **NZD** 3,701 **SEK** 20,270 **SGD** 2,787 **USD** 2,154 **ZAR** 37,170 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***AUD*** *3,210* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***CNY*** *15,710* ***DKK*** *14,080* ***GBP*** *1,632* ***HUF*** *719,500* ***ISK*** *273,600* ***JPY*** *345,900* ***NOK*** *21,620* ***NZD*** *3,717* ***SEK*** *19,950* ***SGD*** *2,842* ***USD*** *2,237* ***ZAR*** *35,800)*
ES[32]	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***USD*** *2,237)*
FI	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***USD*** *2,237)*
IL	**ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,064 **EUR** 1,142 **USD** 1,333
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 90 **EUR** 96 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 113 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 22 **EUR** 24 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 28 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***CHF*** *84, or* ***CHF*** *21 in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution)*
JP[33]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 759 **EUR** 815 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 952 For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 897 **EUR** 963 **SGD** 1,455 **USD** 1,125 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***CHF*** *718 for IAs in Japanese,* ***CHF*** *848 for IAs in English)*
KR[34]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 479 **CHF** 252 **EUR** 270 **NZD** 543 **SGD** 409 **USD** 316 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,276 **CHF** 672 **EUR** 721 **NZD** 1,447 **SGD** 1,089 **USD** 842 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***AUD*** *437 for IAs in Korean,* ***AUD*** *1,166 for IAs in English)*
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government:[35] **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 93 **USD** 108 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *98* ***USD*** *116)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 432 **EUR** 464 **USD** 541 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *489* ***USD*** *580)*
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 20,270 **CHF** 1,719 **DKK** 13,780 **EUR** 1,845 **ISK** 261,700 **NOK** 21,460 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***SEK*** *19,950* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***DKK*** *14,080* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***ISK*** *273,600* ***NOK*** *21,620* ***USD*** *2,237)*
SG	**SGD** 2,350 **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 272,900 **KRW** 2,582,000 **USD** 1,816 *(From 1.3.2026:* ***AUD*** *2,643)*

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*
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ISA	Search fee[1]
TR	**TRY** 89,820 **CHF** 1,719 **EUR** 1,845 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***TRY*** *97,060)*
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 41,410 For a small entity[27]: **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 16,560 For a micro entity[27]: **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 8,280 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***ZAR*** *38,300,* ***ZAR*** *15,320 for a small entity, or* ***ZAR*** *7,660 for a micro entity)*
XN	**EUR** 1,845 **DKK** 13,780 **CHF** 1,719 **ISK** 261,700 **NOK** 21,460 **SEK** 20,270 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***DKK*** *14,080* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***ISK*** *273,600* ***NOK*** *21,620* ***SEK*** *19,950* ***USD*** *2,237)*
XV	**EUR** 1,845 **CHF** 1,719 **HUF** 717,900 **USD** 2,154 *(From 1.4.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,885* ***CHF*** *1,734* ***HUF*** *719,500* ***USD*** *2,237)*

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee[2, 36]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: **CHF** 792 – for a search of European and North American documentation: **CHF** 1,109 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 1,584	**CHF** 200
EP	**CHF** 1,719[32] *(From 1.4.2026: **CHF** 1734 **EUR** 1,885)*	**CHF** 200
FI	**CHF** 1,719 *(From 1.4.2026: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885)*	**CHF** 200
RU	**CHF** 115 **CHF** 182[37]	**CHF** 200
SE	**CHF** 1,719 *(From 1.4.2026: **CHF** 1,734)*	**CHF** 200
SG	**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,719 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: **CHF** 10 *(Fee for a full search from 1.4.2026: **CHF** 1,734 **TRY** 97,060)*	**CHF** 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 84 – 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** 65 – 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	**CHF** 200
XN	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,719 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: **CHF** 499 *(Fee for a full search from 1.4.2026: **CHF** 1,734)*	**CHF** 200
XV	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,654 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: **CHF** 512 *(Fee for a full search from 1.4.2026: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885)*	**CHF** 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

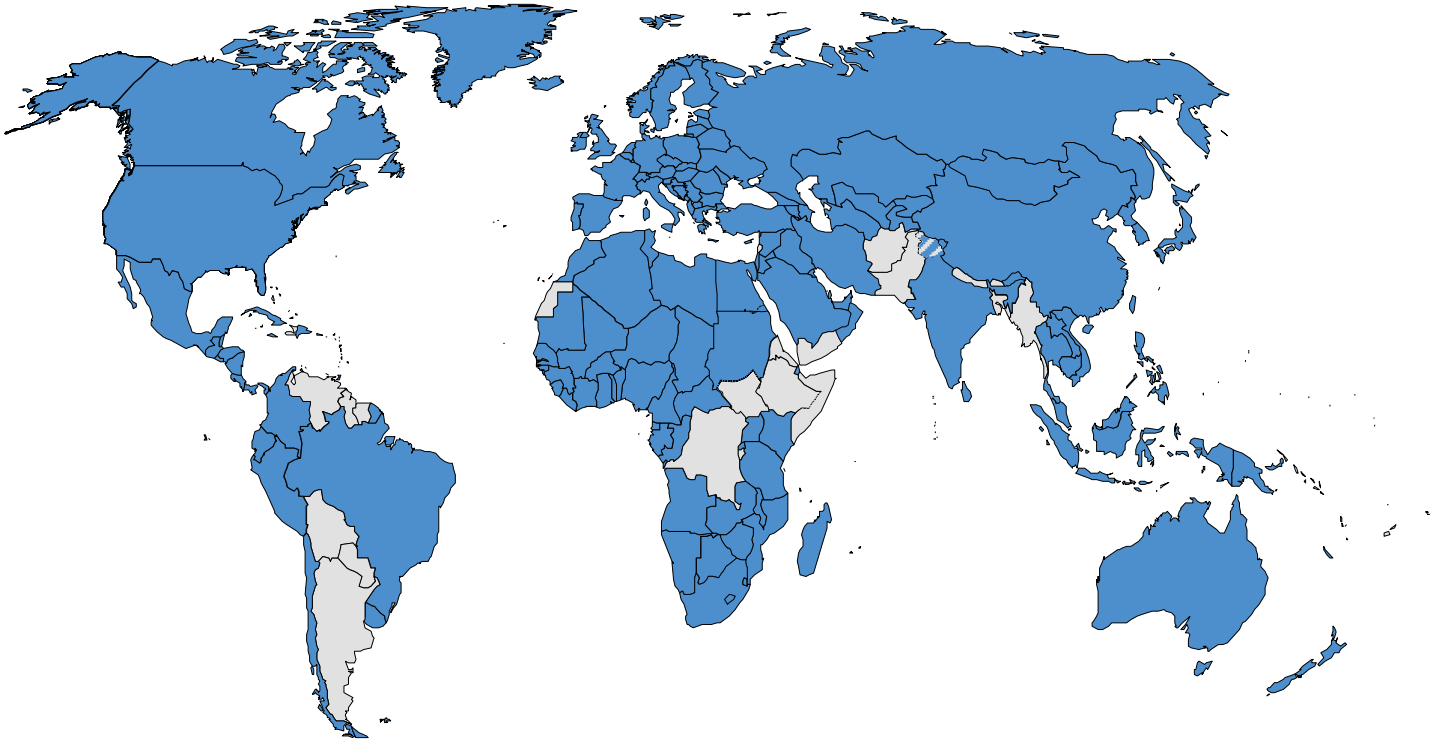
(amounts on 1 March 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[38]	Handling fee[2, 38] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[29]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[39]	**AUD** 380
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
	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[30]: **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,790
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 1,915[32] *(from 1.4.2026: EUR 2,010)*	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[32]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,801	**ILS** 822
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** 251
JP[33]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 357,000
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[35]**:** **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[40] 7,000[41] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[40] 26,000[41]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[42] For a small entity[27]: **USD** 282 352[42] For a micro entity[27]: **USD** 141 176[42]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
29 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).
30 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
31 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".
32 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
33 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
34 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.
35 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.
36 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
37 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).
38 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
39 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
40 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
41 In all cases where footnote 40 does not apply.
42 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 March 2026)



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
MR Mauritania (OA)[2]
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)
SG Singapore
SI Slovenia (EP)[2]
SK Slovakia (EP)
SL Sierra Leone (AP)
SM San Marino (EP)[2]
SN Senegal (OA)[2]
ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
SV El Salvador
SY Syrian Arab Republic
SZ Eswatini (AP)[2]
TD Chad (OA)[2]
TG Togo (OA)[2]
TH Thailand
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.

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Join the World Intellectual Property Day celebrations

As this month's issue of the *Newsletter* goes to press, IP offices, law firms, businesses and other stakeholders are already celebrating World Intellectual Property Day 2026.

Each year, World IP Day explores the power and value of IP and innovation, focusing on a particular topic. It is a great opportunity to raise awareness and promote understanding among IP creators, service users and the public. This year's World IP Day theme highlights the importance of IP for sport.

WIPO is running its own program of World IP Day activities and has also produced a range of information products and free-to-use materials to support campaigns by other stakeholders.

It is not too late to create your own campaign. While many events and celebrations have been scheduled for World IP Day itself – 26 April – activities will take place after that, too.

For more information, visit the WIPO World IP Day webpage.

Also in this issue: WIPO Director General reappointed – Republic of Moldova to join EPO – Scam warning – Publication schedule change for PCT applications – PCT Director retires – PCT information update – Upcoming trainings – Practical advice

WIPO Member States reappoint Daren Tang as Director General

Singapore national will head Organization for another six years



Daren Tang has been reappointed Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for a second consecutive six-year term.

Meeting in Extraordinary Session on 21 April, the General Assembly, the Paris Union Assembly and the Berne Union Assembly formally appointed Mr. Tang, in line with his nomination by the Organization's Coordination Committee. His new mandate will begin on 1 October.

Mr. Tang, a national of Singapore, has led WIPO since October 2020. Previously, he served as a senior official in the Singapore Government including five years as Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS).

Mr. Tang's priorities include leading the modernization of the PCT and other WIPO IP services, transforming customer service and harnessing digital technologies to improve efficiency and accessibility.

For more information, visit WIPO's website.

Republic of Moldova to join European Patent Organization

The Republic of Moldova is set to become the 40th Contracting State of the European Patent Organization (EPO) on 1 June 2026.

Any international application filed on or after that date will therefore include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a European patent.

The Moldovan Parliament approved accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 5 February 2026, and the country formally deposited its instrument of accession to the EPC on 25 March.

For more information, refer to the news story on the EPO website.

Warning: fraudulent emails impersonating WIPO and major IP Offices

WIPO is warning all IP holders including PCT users to watch out for a sophisticated email scam targeting patent and trademark applicants worldwide.

Certain unscrupulous persons are actively sending emails using fake addresses – including admin@wipo-office.com – to impersonate WIPO and other prominent intellectual property

offices, including the European Patent Office (EPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

These emails typically demand payments for patent or trademark-related services, falsely presenting themselves as official correspondence. Recipients may be led to believe that failure to pay could jeopardize the status of their intellectual property rights – a tactic designed to create urgency and pressure victims into transferring funds.

WIPO does not demand payments through unsolicited emails or request sensitive financial information via unofficial channels, and neither do the EPO or EUIPO.

Please find an example of one of these emails.

While the PCT System has successfully implemented many measures to tackle the long-standing challenge of fraud, analysts are concerned that more sophisticated and ambitious scams pose a growing threat to IP services generally – as a recent article in *World Trademark Review* explains.

To protect yourself and your business:

- Check the sender's email address. WIPO email addresses always end with @wipo.int – however, email addresses can be "spoofed" so hover your cursor over the visible email address to make sure that the address remains the same.
- Do not click on any links or attachments in suspicious emails.
- Never make payments based solely on an unsolicited email request.
- Contact the relevant IP Office directly through their official website if you receive a suspicious communication.
- Report suspicious emails to your national cybersecurity authority and the impersonated organization.

If you believe you have been targeted, please contact WIPO.

Change to publication schedule of PCT applications

Publication of 14 May 2026

Thursday, 14 May 2026 will be a non-working day at WIPO. PCT applications as well as any *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* which would normally have been published on that day will instead be published on Friday, 15 May 2026.

The date of completion of technical preparations for that publication will, however, remain unchanged, and any changes that should be taken into account for the purposes of international publication should be received by the International Bureau by midnight Central European Summer Time on Tuesday, 28 April 2026.

Long-serving PCT Legal and User Relations Division Director retires

Matthew Bryan leaves after more than three decades building the PCT System



The PCT is facing the end of an era with the departure at the end of April 2026 of Mr. Matthew Bryan, Director of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division at WIPO.

Mr. Bryan joined WIPO's PCT Legal Division as a lawyer in 1992, took up his current position 22 years ago and has played a significant role in the development of the PCT System throughout that time.

He shared the following farewell message with *Newsletter* readers:

> I was a young lawyer in WIPO's PCT Legal Division when, in 1994, then Director Busso Bartels decided to start the *PCT Newsletter* as a mechanism for communicating regularly to PCT users around the world, to help keep them up to date on PCT-related developments. While several very dedicated colleagues have served as *Newsletter* editors over the last 32 years, I have now overseen its publication for more than two decades.
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> The PCT has seen very significant growth and development during my time at WIPO. When I first joined WIPO in 1992, there were between 50 and 60 PCT Contracting States, and fewer than 26,000 PCT applications were filed that year. As most of you will be aware, growth has been experienced in the intervening years in terms of both Contracting States (now 158) and numbers of applications filed (2025: 275,900).
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> I wanted to take this opportunity before I go to say thank you to the PCT user community: thank you for your faith in and use of the PCT System over these past many years, and thank you also for engaging with the staff of the PCT at WIPO. My PCT colleagues and I have appreciated the feedback you have provided to us in our surveys, during seminars, webinars and conferences, and also the thoughtful comments you have provided based on your PCT experience which have helped make the system work better and have enabled us to provide you with improved PCT-related resources.
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> I am also very grateful to the many dedicated WIPO PCT colleagues with whom I have had the privilege to work during these 33+ years; my WIPO PCT colleagues have been to me extraordinary examples of competence, professionalism and determination to provide excellent customer service.
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> With all that the PCT has accomplished over its almost 48-year history as an operational system, my colleagues and I are keenly aware that there is of course still much more to do – long-awaited legal framework improvements to be agreed and implemented, technical improvements to be facilitated, and work with PCT Member State Offices to be continued in order to try to ensure that the system works as it is supposed to. But my experience in the PCT at WIPO during all these years assures me that that the productive, constructive and diligent work of the PCT will continue in the very capable hands of my PCT colleagues at WIPO.
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> Warm personal regards,
>
> Matt

PCT information update

AT Austria (Office telephone number)

The Austrian Patent Office has discontinued one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available number is: (43-1) 53424-0

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (AT))

AU Australia (types of physical media accepted by the Office)

The Australian Patent Office has notified a change concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

> An entire copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one XML file (compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26) on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R or USB drive.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU))

CL Chile (color drawings)

The National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) now accepts color drawings under its national law, when they are necessary for a better understanding of the invention.

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

DE Germany (who can act as agent; national phase entry requirements)

The German Patent and Trademark Office has changed its requirements regarding who can act as agent before the Office, whether in its capacity as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may act as an agent:

– If an agent is required: any patent attorney, attorney-at-law, or firm of representatives established in Germany and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office. In case of a firm of representatives, the natural person acting on its behalf must be authorized to render legal services in Germany.

  Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic* Area, or of Switzerland, authorized to practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and empowered to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany* [*EuPAG*] and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany* [*EuRAG*]);[1] under certain further requirements, any firm of representatives established in a member State of the

[1] The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the *Patentanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the *Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

European Union, in a State that is a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area* or in a member State of the World Trade Organization. The natural person acting on its behalf must be authorized to render legal services in Germany.

– If an agent is not required: as mentioned above, and any natural person.

In addition, the Office has changed its requirements for entry into the national phase: where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2), the applicant may be asked to send a copy of the international application, unless the international application was filed with the German Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office. If amendments of the claims were filed under PCT Article 19, the applicant may be asked to send a copy of those amendments.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (DE) and National Chapter, Summary (DE))

DK Denmark (fees)

As of 1 January 2026, the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)) payable the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as designated (or elected) Office changed to DKK 3,600.

Several components of the national fee payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office also changed with effect from the same date:

Filing fee:

Basic fee:	DKK	3,600
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	DKK	360
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	DKK	1,320
Annual fees for the first three years:	DKK	660

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

ES Spain (provisional protection; exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fee; requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has clarified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication. The relevant provisions of its national law include Articles 170.2 and 67 of Law No. 24/2015 on Patents and the requirements are as follows:

If the international application has been published in Spanish, the provisional protection shall take effect in Spain with respect to that application from the date of international publication. If it has been published in another language, the provisional protection shall take effect from the date on which its translation into Spanish is made available to the public at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. For this purpose, a notice of the date from which the translation of the application is made available to the public shall be published in the *Official Industrial Property Bulletin*.

If the applicant does not reside in Spain or in a country of the European Union, the translation must be either prepared by a patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office, or certified by a sworn translator appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs of Spain. In addition, persons who declare to have linguistic and technical knowledge in

accordance with the Ministerial Order ETU/320/2018 of March 26, 2018 may also prepare the translation.

That provisional protection consists of the right to demand compensation, reasonable and appropriate to the circumstances, from any third party who, between the date the translation into Spanish has been published and the date of publication of the mention that the patent has been granted, has made use of the invention which after that period would be prohibited by virtue of the patent.

It is understood that the patent application has never provided provisional protection when it has been or is considered to have been withdrawn, or when it has been refused or revoked by virtue of a final decision.

The Office has also changed the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to Invention fees, available at: https://www.oepm.es/en/tasas-y-precios-publicos/tasas-de-invenciones/

Where the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office benefits from an earlier international search or examination, refund of search report fee and substantive examination fee can be applicable.

For more information, refer to the Instruction on the refund of search report fee and substantive examination fee, available at: https://www.oepm.es/export/sites/portal/comun/documentos_relacionados/PDF/2019_03_06_Reembolso_Tasas_IET_Resolucion.pdf

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (ES) and National Chapter, Summary (ES))

The Office has also introduced various changes in relation to fees charged, tasks performed and microorganisms accepted by the *Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo* (CECT), an International Depositary Authority (IDA) under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure. For more information, refer to Budapest Notification No. 380 of April 8, 2026.

GB United Kingdom (fees)

As of 1 April 2026, the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)) payable to the Intellectual Property Office (IPO)[2] as designated (or elected) Office changed to GBP 200.

Several components of the national fee payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have also changed with effect from the same date:

National fee for processing of an international application:	GBP	40
Excess claims fee (for each claim over 25):	GBP	27
Excess pages fee (for each page of description over 35):	GBP	13

[2] Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

Search fee:

Where a search has already been made by an International Searching Authority:	GBP	200
- When search/substantive examination is requested electronically	GBP	160
In other cases:	GBP	240
- When search/substantive examination is requested electronically	GBP	200
Substantive examination fee:	GBP	170
- When search/substantive examination is requested electronically	GBP	130

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

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

From 1 June 2026, there will be a change in the equivalent amount in KRW of the handling fee payable to the Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP), as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

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

NL Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (Office telephone number and web address)

The telephone number and web address of the Netherlands Patent Office are now:

Telephone: (31-88) 042 40 02

Website: https://www.octrooicentrum.nl

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (NL))

PL Poland (Office web address; national phase entry requirements)

The web address for obtaining a list of registered patent attorneys from the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland is now:

https://rzecznicy.uprp.gov.pl/attorneys

The Office has changed its requirements for entry into the national phase: an applicant is only required to send a copy of the international application if the national phase entry takes place prior to publication of the international application. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (PL) and National Chapter, Summary (PL))

RU Russian Federation (Office telephone numbers; requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material)

The Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) has changed one of its telephone numbers for application processing. The telephone numbers are now:

Telephone: (7-499) 240 60 15 (general)
(7-499) 240 58 88 (application
(7-495) 531 64 81 processing)

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (RU))

The Office has also notified various changes to technical requirements, procedures and IDAs under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

For more information, refer to Budapest Notification No. 379 of March 26, 2026.

SE Sweden (changes in national law and procedures)

The Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) has made several changes in provisions of its national legislation:

As regards filing international applications with foreign Offices, restrictions apply in relation to defence inventions made in Sweden or belonging to a person resident in Sweden or to a Swedish company (Sections 1, 2, 6 and 10 of the Defence Inventions Act (1971:1078)).

As regards international-type search, the relevant provisions of national law are now Article 20, Chapter 4 of the Patents Act, and Article 4, Chapter 3 of the Patents Decree.

As regards representation before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, an agent is no longer required for any applicant.

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

TN Tunisia (Office email address)

The email address of the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia) is now: contact@innorpi.tn

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (TN))

UY Uruguay (fees)

As of 1 January 2026, several fees payable to the National Directorate of Industrial Property and Software Registry (DNPIRS) (Uruguay) in its capacity as receiving Office changed as follows:[3]

[3] The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026), but payable in UYU and are updated monthly according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month.

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ..... Equivalent in UYU of UYI 672.62

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): ..... Equivalent in UYU of UYI 3,363.10

The Office also changed the amounts of the following fees payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, with effect as of 1 January 2026:

Fee for reinstatement of rights
(PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)): ..... Equivalent in UYU of UYI 3,363.10

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)): ..... Equivalent in UYU of UYI 3,363.10

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (UY) and National Chapter, Summary (UY))

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

From 1 May 2026, there will be a new equivalent amount in EUR for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Australian Patent Office.

From 1 June 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority.....CHF, EUR, USD

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore .....JPY

Japan Patent Office (JPO).....SGD, USD

Ministry of Intellectual Property of the
Republic of Korea (MOIP).....CHF

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, EG, JP, KR and SG))

Sequence Listing document types

Changes in ePCT and PATENTSCOPE

Minor simplifications have been made to the range of document types related to sequence listings in ePCT and PATENTSCOPE.

The table below shows the revised document types with changes in certain descriptions; removed document types are shown in strikeout.

The document types "Sequence Listing - Correction - Rule 13*ter*", "Sequence Listing - Rectification - Rule 13*ter*" and "Sequence Listing under Rule 13*ter* Rectified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (Rule 91)" have been deleted as they are considered unnecessary. These documents are not part of the international application as such. If a Rule 13*ter* listing is wrong for any reason, it can be replaced with a new one without the need to specify whether the change is due to a correction or a rectification.

The document type “Statement relative to Seq List for the purposes of international search (Rule 13*ter*)” duplicates the document type “Sequence Listing Statement”, and the document types “Seq. List. Info” and “Sequence List Tables” are no longer applicable.

Previous ePCT/PATENTSCOPE name	**Revised ePCT/PATENTSCOPE name**
Sequence Listing	Sequence Listing
Sequence listing for the purposes of international search (Rule 13*ter*)	Sequence Listing 13*ter*
Statement relative to Seq List for the purposes of international search (Rule 13*ter*)	~~Statement relative to Seq List for the purposes of international search (Rule 13*ter*)~~
Certified Copy Seq List Placeholder Page	Sequence Listing - Certified Copy Placeholder Page
Sequence Listings Statement	Sequence Listing Statement
Sequence Listing as originally filed	Sequence Listing as originally filed (replaced under Rule 12, 26 or 91)
Seq. List. Info	~~Seq. List. Info~~
Sequence Listing - Correction	Sequence Listing Corrected under Rule 26
Sequence Listing - Rectification	Sequence Listing Rectified by the International Searching Authority (Rule 91)
Purported Sequence Listing (not in compliance with ST.26)	Purported Sequence Listing (not in compliance with ST.26)
Sequence Listing - Rectification - Rule 13*ter*	~~Sequence Listing - Rectification - Rule 13*ter*~~
Sequence Listing Incorporated by Reference (Rule 20.6)	Sequence Listing Incorp. By Ref. (Rule 20.6)
Translation of Sequence Listing for the purposes of international publication	Sequence Listing - Translation for the purposes of international publication
Translation of Sequence Listing for the purposes of international search	Sequence Listing - Translation for the purposes of international search
Sequence Listing Validation Report	Sequence Listing Validation Report
Sequence Listing - Amendment - Article 34	Sequence Listing Amendment Art.34
Sequence Listings IPRP II	Sequence Listing - IPRP II Annex
Sequence Listing - Correction - Rule 13*ter*	~~Sequence Listing - Correction - Rule 13*ter*~~
Sequence listing - later submitted (Rule 20.5)	Sequence Listing - later submitted (Rule 20.5)
Sequence listing - later submitted (Rule 20.5*bis*)	Sequence Listing - later submitted (Rule 20.5*bis*)
Sequence Listing Rectified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (Rule 91)	Sequence Listing Rectified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (Rule 91)
Sequence List Tables	~~Sequence List Tables~~
Sequence listing under Rule 13*ter* Rectified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (Rule 91)	~~Sequence listing under Rule 13*ter* Rectified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (Rule 91)~~
Translation of Sequence Listing for the purposes of Supplementary International Search	Sequence Listing - Translation for the purposes of Supplementary International Search

The document Minimal Specifications (MinSpec) for Electronic PCT Document Exchange has been updated to reflect these changes. The current version is now Version 4.9.

Upcoming PCT trainings

PCT Basics Webinar Series

Episode 5 in the PCT Basics webinar series – titled "The importance of priority claims and how to deal with them" – will take place on 28 April 2026 from 15:00 to 16:00 Central European Summer Time (UTC+2). Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director of the PCT Legal and User Relations Division, will explain what is behind the concept of claiming priority, and dive into making, correcting and restoring priority.

The webinar is free of charge and you do not need to have participated in previous webinars in the series to benefit from it. Register here to secure your spot.

In addition:

- A Chinese-language version of episode 4 ("Get on the e-filing highway") will take place on 5 May 2026 from 15:00 to 16:00 Beijing Time. Register here.
- A Korean-language version of episode 4 will take place on 27 April 2026 from 15:30 to 16:30 Korea Standard Time. Register here.

Join the Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT System. The course is free and available in 10 PCT publication languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. The whole course takes around 4 hours. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration is open until 12 December 2026 via the WIPO Academy website.

Practical advice

Using the PCT to seek other kinds of protection for an invention than a patent

Q. I have been granted a patent in my home country. I am interested in extending protection to other markets but expect to obtain only very limited funding, and some markets are of lesser interest. Is it possible to use the PCT to obtain other kinds of protection than a patent in some countries?

Titles of protection other than a patent can be sought through the PCT where a territory's national or regional law provides for alternative types of protection for inventions. One common alternative to a patent is the utility model and there are other forms of protection similar to utility models, such as a certificate/patent of addition or an inventor's certificate.

Applicable national or regional procedures for obtaining and maintaining a utility model are usually simpler, cheaper and faster, with less or no substantive examination required. Certain requirements, such as inventive step, may be less stringent or absent. However, utility models offer a shorter term of protection than patents. Because there is less or no substantive

examination, a utility model is typically not as “strong” as a patent and provides less legal certainty with regard to validity.

The detailed features of each alternative form of protection for inventions will depend on the particular national system. In some countries, a utility model can be obtained only for product inventions and only in limited fields of technology, while technical, chemical and biological processes may not be eligible for such protection.

Importantly, while the PCT System enables you to seek alternative forms of protection for inventions, it does *not* cover other intellectual property rights such as trademarks and industrial designs. WIPO offers other systems of international protection for such IP rights, for example the Madrid System for trademarks and the Hague System for industrial designs.

When you file an international application through the PCT, the filing of the PCT request constitutes the automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT on the international filing date, for every kind of protection available for each country concerned (PCT Articles 2(ii), 43 and 44, and Rule 4.9(a)), and, where applicable, in respect of both regional and national patents (PCT Article 45 and Rule 4.9(a)(ii)).

During the international phase of the PCT procedure, you do not need to make any indication relating to the title of protection and there is no such possibility in the request form or ePCT. You may keep your options open until you enter the national phase; it is only before each designated Office that you select the specific type of protection. Fees in the international phase are the same whichever type of protection you eventually plan to seek.

However, if you wish a PCT application to be treated as a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor’s certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition (PCT Rule 4.11(a)(i)), or a continuation or continuation-in-part of an earlier application (PCT Rule 4.11(a)(ii)), certain indications may be required at the time of filing.

Information on the available titles of protection by Office can be found in the table Types of Protection Available via the PCT in PCT Contracting States and in the National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*. Further information on laws relating to alternative forms of protection in different countries can be found in the WIPO Lex database, and some basic information and frequently asked questions (FAQs) on utility models are available on WIPO’s webpage on utility models.

A few countries allow you to choose more than one type of protection and in such cases you may be required to indicate to the designated Office which type of protection is sought primarily (PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(b)). In some jurisdictions, utility model and patent protection may be complementary rather than alternatives, potentially enabling you to obtain a utility model while waiting for the grant of a patent. Furthermore, some countries provide for the possibility of converting from one type of protection to another (PCT Rule 49*bis*.2(b)).

Some countries which are members of regional patent organizations provide for a type of protection other than a patent but have “closed the national route”. This means that the State may be designated only for a regional patent and such other types of protection cannot be obtained via the PCT for the country concerned. For example, France has closed the national route with the result that a *certificat d’invention* can only be requested through a direct national application in France. The above-mentioned table and the *PCT Applicant’s Guide* do not include any types of protection that cannot be obtained via the PCT.

Where the local patent system provides for a choice of kinds of protection, you need to carefully examine and compare their specific features to determine which would be more suitable for your invention, and in which market. For example, if you have made an improvement to an existing product which may not be considered to be sufficiently inventive to be patentable, or the product concerned is expected to have a short life cycle, a utility model or similar kind of protection may be an interesting alternative, if such protection is available in your target markets.

Further information can be found in the Practical Advice in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

- 04/2022: Requesting that the international application be treated as an application for a type of protection other than a patent in a particular country
- 05/2018: How to find out which designated Offices offer utility model protection and how to request such protection in respect of an international application
- 04/2018: Seeking utility model protection instead of patent protection
- 11/2004: Finding out which States are designated; States which can be designated only for a regional patent

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PCT Seminar Calendar

(https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/seminar/webinars/index.html)
(situation as at 23 April 2026)

Date and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers	Organizer and contact details
27 April 2026 Xiamen (CN)	Chinese and English	Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) system and global patent protection WIPO speakers: Mr. Yu, Mr. Bai and Mr. Ma	China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) (Ms. Han Bing) Email: hanbing@ccpit.org Tel: (86-10) 82217366
21–22 May 2026 (online)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the basic training course in European patent law WIPO speakers: Ms. Eva Schumm, Senior Legal Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Centre d'études internationales de la propriété intellectuelle (CEIPI) (Mr. Pablo Calvo Ramón and Ms. Ruth Sánchez) E-mail: pcalvo@abg-ip.com; rss.edu@elzaburu.es
18 June 2026 Lyon (FR)	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Schumm	Centre Paul Roubier E-mail : info@paulroubier.com Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08

PCT Webinars

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

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
27 April 2026 online 15:30–16:30 KST	Korean	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 4 – Get on the e-filing highway Speaker: Ms. Ji Eun Park, Program Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information here
28 April 2026 online 15:00–16:00 CEST	English	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 5 – The importance of priority claims and how to deal with them Speaker: Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information here
28 April 2026 online 10:00–12:20 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): "PCT System – Priority corrections and other corrections in PCT international applications" Speaker: Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information here
5 May 2026 online 15:00–16:00 Beijing time	Chinese	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 4 – Get on the e-filing highway Speaker: Mr. Shujiang Zhou, Legal Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register here Find more information here
19 May 2026 online 10:00–12:20 CEST	Russian	CACEEC regional webinar: "PCT System – Priority corrections and other corrections in PCT international applications" Speaker: Ms. Krysanova	Register here Find more information here

Other IP events
World IP Day, 26 April 2026 World IP Day is celebrated globally. For information visit WIPO's World IP Day webpage.

Find the latest information on PCT training.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 April 2026, 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 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	Kyrgyz 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
UYI	Indexed Units (UI)
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 April 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,526	28	–	380	570	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,910	130	–	1,790	2,690	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,500	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

(amounts on 1 April 2026, 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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 160	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 100	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 556,500	6,300	–	83,700	125,500	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 April 2026, 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]	
JO	**JOD** 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	**JPY** 17,000[18]	**JPY** 250,500 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***JPY*** *264,900)*	2,800 *(3,000)*	–	–	56,500 *(59,800)*	EP IN JP SG
KE	**USD** 250 or **KES** 5,000 plus cost of mailing	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	**KGS** 4,000[19]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	**KHR** 420,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	**KZT** 10,264.80	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	**LSL** –[11]	**LSL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	**EUR** 92	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	**EUR** 19	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	**EUR** 70	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	**LYD** –[11]	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	**MKD** 2,700	**MKD** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	EP
MN	none	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	**EUR** 55	**EUR** 1,428	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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	**USD** 93.87[21] (natural persons) **USD** 375.50[21] (legal persons)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	**MYR** 550[22]	**MYR** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	**EUR** 50	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	**NOK** 800	**NOK** 16,600	190	–	2,500	3,740	EP SE XN
NZ	**NZD** 207	**NZD** 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	**XAF** –[11]	**XAF** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	**OMR** 40	**OMR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	**USD** 240	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	**PEN** 233.35	**PEN** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	**PGK** 250	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	**PHP** 4,200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.57 on paper: 25.14	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	**QAR** 400	**QAR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	EG EP SA US
RO	**RON** 508	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	**RSD** 10,320[23]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	**USD** 100	**SAR** 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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

(amounts on 1 April 2026, 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]	
SG	**SGD** 150	**SGD** 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	**EUR** 91	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	none	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	**SYP** 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU
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** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	**UAH** (or eq **EUR** or **USD**)[25] 2,600	**USD** (or eq **UAH** or **EUR**) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	**UGX** refer to Office	**UGX** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT EP SG
US	**USD** 285[26] small entity:[27] 114[26] micro entity:[27] 57[26]	**USD** 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	**UYU** eq **UYI** 672.62[28]	**UYU** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	**UZS** 245,000[29]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	**VND** 300,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	**SAT** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	**ZAR** 525	**ZAR** 28,760	320	–	4,320	6,490	AT AU EP US
ZM	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	**ZWD** 6,000	**ZWD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[30]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **KRW** 3,250,000 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,158 **EUR** 1,243 **KRW** 2,075,000 **NZD** 2,494 **SGD** 1,878 **USD** 1,452 **ZAR** 25,050 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***EUR*** *1,351* ***KRW*** *2,268,000* ***USD*** *1,555)*
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 403 **USD** 470
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[31] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 235 **EUR** 252 **USD** 294
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 98 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 384 **EUR** 435 **USD** 516
EG[32]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 67 **EUR** 72 **USD** 84 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***CHF*** *59* ***EUR*** *64* ***USD*** *73)*
EP[33]	**AUD** 3,210 **EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **CNY** 15,710 **DKK** 14,080 **GBP** 1,632 **HUF** 719,500 **ISK** 273,600 **JPY** 345,900 **NOK** 21,620 **NZD** 3,717 **SEK** 19,950 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
ES[33]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
FI	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
IL	**ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,064 **EUR** 1,142 **USD** 1,333
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 90 **EUR** 96 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 113 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 22 **EUR** 24 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 28 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***CHF*** *84, or* ***CHF*** *21 in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution)*
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 759 **EUR** 815 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 952 For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 897 **EUR** 963 **SGD** 1,455 **USD** 1,125 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***CHF*** *718 for IAs in Japanese,* ***CHF*** *848 for IAs in English)* *(From 1.6.2026:* ***SGD*** *1,358* ***USD*** *896 for IAs in Japanese,* ***USD*** *1,059 for IAs in English)*
KR[35]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 479 **CHF** 252 **EUR** 270 **NZD** 543 **SGD** 409 **USD** 316 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,276 **CHF** 672 **EUR** 721 **NZD** 1,447 **SGD** 1,089 **USD** 842 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***AUD*** *437 for IAs in Korean,* ***AUD*** *1,166 for IAs in English)* *(From 1.6.2026:* ***CHF*** *239 for IAs in Korean,* ***CHF*** *636 for IAs in English)*
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 98 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 432 **EUR** 489 **USD** 580
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 19,950 **CHF** 1,734 **DKK** 14,080 **EUR** 1,885 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 21,620 **USD** 2,237
SG	**SGD** 2,350 ***AUD*** *2,643* **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 272,900 **KRW** 2,582,000 **USD** 1,816 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***JPY*** *292,300)*

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*
(amounts on 1 April 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
TR	**TRY** 97,060 **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 **USD** 2,237
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 41,410 For a small entity:[27] **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 16,560 For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 8,280 *(From 1.5.2026:* ***ZAR*** *38,300,* ***ZAR*** *15,320 for a small entity, or* ***ZAR*** *7,660 for a micro entity)*
XN	**EUR** 1,885 **DKK** 14,080 **CHF** 1,734 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 21,620 **SEK** 19,950 **USD** 2,237
XV	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **HUF** 719,500 **USD** 2,237

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 April 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee[2, 37]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: **CHF** 792 – for a search of European and North American documentation: **CHF** 1,109 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 1,584	**CHF** 200
EP	**CHF** 1,734[33] **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
FI	**CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
RU	**CHF** 115 **CHF** 182[38]	**CHF** 200
SE	**CHF** 1,734	**CHF** 200
SG	**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **TRY** 97,060 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: **CHF** 10	**CHF** 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 84 – 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** 65 – 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	**CHF** 200
XN	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: **CHF** 499	**CHF** 200
XV	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: **CHF** 512	**CHF** 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

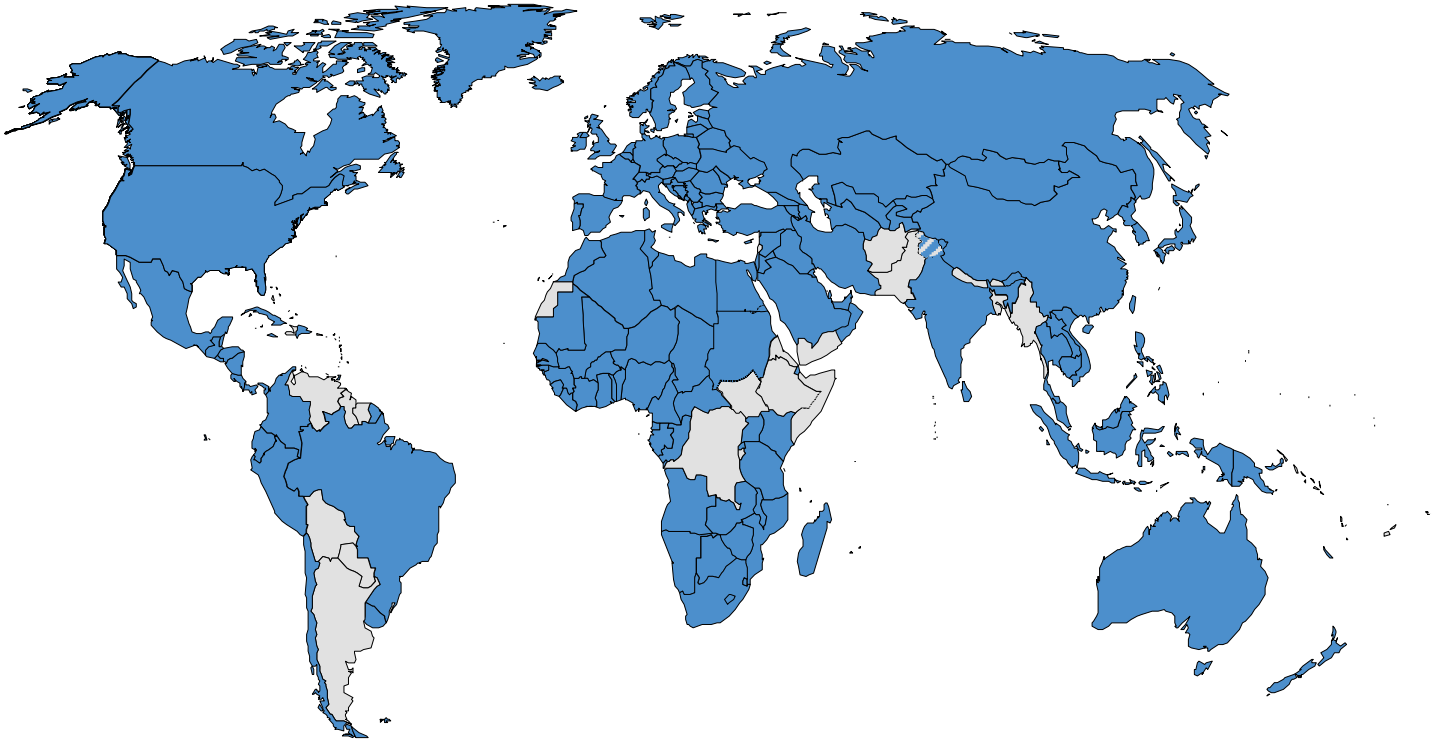
(amounts on 1 April 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 380
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
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:[31] **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,790
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 2,010[33]	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[33]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,801	**ILS** 822
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** 251
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 357,000 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***KRW*** *377,000)*
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[36]**:** **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[41] 7,000[42] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[41] 26,000[42]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[43] For a small entity:[27] **USD** 282 352[43] For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 141 176[43]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026); however, they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial
29 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
30 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).
31 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
32 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".
33 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
34 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
35 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.
36 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.
37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
38 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).
39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
42 In all cases where note 41 does not apply.
43 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)).

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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]
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BY Belarus (EA)
BZ Belize
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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)
SG Singapore
SI Slovenia (EP)[2]
SK Slovakia (EP)
SL Sierra Leone (AP)
SM San Marino (EP)[2]
SN Senegal (OA)[2]
ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
SV El Salvador
SY Syrian Arab Republic
SZ Eswatini (AP)[2]
TD Chad (OA)[2]
TG Togo (OA)[2]
TH Thailand
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.

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The Bahamas joins the PCT

Accession on 19 August will bring Treaty membership to 159 States



The Bahamas is set to become the 159th Contracting State of the PCT. The country deposited its instrument of accession with WIPO on 19 May 2026, and will become bound by the Treaty from 19 August.

From that date, applicants and inventors in The Bahamas will be able to file patent applications under the PCT as a means of seeking patent protection in all PCT Contracting States. And foreign innovators and companies will be able to use the PCT System to seek patent protection for their inventions in The Bahamas.

Lisa Jorgenson, WIPO's Deputy Director General, Patents and Technology Sector, commented: "The Patent Cooperation Treaty continues to expand its global reach. The Bahamas joins a growing number of PCT members in the Caribbean – strengthening the region's global economic integration and competitiveness. I look forward to seeing how this new development opens up opportunities for inventors and businesses, both in The Bahamas and beyond."

Information about The Bahamas' functioning as a PCT receiving Office and designated Office will be available soon in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* (country code: BS).

European Patent Office enables use of ePCT for electronic notifications

From 1 June 2026, all users of the European Patent Office (EPO) will be able to use WIPO's ePCT online service to receive electronic notifications of PCT communications issued by the EPO.

The new feature is the result of close cooperation between the EPO and WIPO and will allow PCT users to choose a faster, more secure digital alternative to paper-based notifications. It will apply to communications issued by the EPO in its capacity as receiving Office (after transmittal

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of the record copy to the International Bureau (IB)), International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority.

To use the new service, EPO users must have a WIPO account and must indicate their consent to receiving electronic notifications for each PCT application filed, either at the time of filing (using Form PCT/RO/101) or at a later stage.

Users who have opted for the service will be able to retrieve communications directly in ePCT relating to applications for which they have consented to such notification. They will receive an email containing a link to view and download documents in ePCT. No paper copies of PCT communications will be sent. Each document sent electronically will be deemed to be delivered on the date shown on the document.

For the time being, notification via ePCT will not be available for communications issued by the EPO as an Authority specified for supplementary search under PCT Rule 45*bis* or for communications issued by the EPO as receiving Office before the record copy is transmitted to the IB.

For further information, refer to the notice published by the EPO.

New WIPO publications shed light on patent activity in two economic sectors

Reports underscore value of innovation in sport and heavy-duty road transport

The sports industry is a boom area for patents and other forms of intellectual property, according to new research from WIPO.

More than 65,700 sports-related inventions were recorded globally between 2016 and 2025, with patents rising by 7.6% annually – far above the 4.4% average growth rate in filings across all sectors.

The *WIPO Technology SPARK report on Sports Technology*, released as part of World IP Day celebrations, analyzes patents, trademarks and designs to reveal patterns of inventive activity, commercialization and design-led differentiation across different territories and sports.

You can access the full report via the WIPO website or read the press release for a summary.

WIPO has also released a patent landscape report examining trends in technologies that enable the decarbonization of heavy-duty road transport.

Developed in partnership with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the new study examines more than 158,000 patent families published between 2000 and 2024 to provide a comprehensive overview of innovation in core technology areas.

For more information, refer to the press release or access the full report.

Report on SEP valuation methods set to launch

WIPO has developed a new report examining the the economic valuation methods used to assess fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND) licensing terms in the field of standard essential patents (SEPs).

Valuation Methods in Licensing Standard Essential Patents will be presented live at an online launch event at 15:00 Geneva time on Thursday, 4 June.

Policies often require that SEPs be licensed on FRAND terms. However, translating that high-level undertaking into concrete licensing terms can be challenging. WIPO's new report sets out the principal approaches to FRAND determination and their strengths and limitations, to enhance stakeholders' understanding and support better informed negotiations and dispute settlement in SEP licensing.

Further information is available on the WIPO website, and you can also register to join the launch event free of charge.

Republic of Moldova joining European Patent Organisation – more information

Previous validation agreement to cease effect from 1 June 2026

As reported in last month's edition of the *Newsletter*, the Republic of Moldova is acceding to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will become the 40th Contracting State of the European Patent Organisation on 1 June 2026.

The European Patent Office (EPO) has now published a notice confirming the effect of the Republic of Moldova's accession to the EPC.

Any international application filed on or after 1 June 2026 will include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a European patent. From that date, nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova will be able to file international applications with the EPO as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

The validation agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Patent Organisation will terminate with the entry into force of the EPC in the Republic of Moldova on 1 June 2026. From that date it will no longer be possible to validate European patent applications and patents in the Republic of Moldova. The validation system will, however, continue to apply to European and international applications filed prior to 1 June 2026, as well as to European patents granted in respect of such applications.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B (MD), B (EP) and C (EP), and National Chapter, Summary (EP))

WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), a PCT applicant can ask the International Bureau 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. For an applicant to be able to make use of the DAS service, the Office with which the earlier application was filed needs to be a DAS depositing Office – not necessarily the receiving Office with which the international application is filed.

CZ Czechia

The Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic will participate in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 July 2026.

IE Ireland

The Intellectual Property Office of Ireland has participated in DAS as an accessing Office since 17 February 2022. It has now also begun participating as a depositing Office, with effect since 11 May 2026.

LU Luxembourg

The Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) has notified the IB that it started participating in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect since 1 December 2025.

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

For more information, refer to the DAS news section of the WIPO website.

PCT information update

DE Germany (power of attorney)

The German Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has changed the particular instances in which it may require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii), respectively, be submitted.

For details, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 23 April 2026.

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

LV Latvia (Office contact details; fees)

The address, telephone number and email address of the Patent Office of the Republic of Latvia have changed and are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Citadeles iela 6A Riga, LV-1010 Latvia
Telephone:	(371) 6709 96 00
Email:	pasts@lrpv.gov.lv

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (LV))

With effect since 1 April 2026, the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has changed to EUR 30.74.

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

RU Russian Federation (fees)

From 1 June 2026, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) is changing the amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application.

For details, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 23 April 2026.

TR Türkiye (fees)

With effect since 1 January 2026, several components of the national fee payable to the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT) as designated (or elected) Office have changed:

Patents or utility models:

Filing fee:

For patents: ..... TRY 16,890

For utility models: ..... TRY 10,560

Fee for certificate of grant: ..... TRY 3,800

Renewal fee for third year:

For patents: ..... TRY 3,800

For utility models: ..... TRY 3,250

Reinstatement of rights: ..... TRY 29,070

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

US United States of America (representation by agent)

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is changing its special requirements, under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(b), concerning representation by an agent.

With effect from 20 July 2026, appointment of an agent registered to practice before the USPTO will be required for applicants whose domicile is not located within the United States of America or its territories.

For details, see the final rule published by the USPTO on 20 March 2026.

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

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

From 1 June 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office ..... NZD

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ..... KRW

Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP) ..... SGD

From 1 July 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) ..... CHF

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) ..... CHF

Indian Patent Office ..... EUR

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

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, EA, IN, JP, KR, RU and SG))

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

From 1 July 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in CHF for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (RU))

Upcoming PCT trainings

PCT Basics webinar series

Several episodes in the PCT Basics webinar series will be available in various different languages during the coming weeks:

- A Korean-language version of episode 5 ("The importance of priority claims and how to deal with them") will take place on 28 May 2026 from 15:30 to 16:30 Korea Standard Time. Register.
- A Japanese-language version of episode 3 ("Mastering PCT time limits") that will also incorporate episode 5 will take place on 2 June 2026 from 16:00 to 17:00 Japan Standard Time. Register.
- A Chinese-language version of episode 5 will take place on 3 June 2026 from 15:00 to 16:00 China Standard Time. Register.

All webinars are free of charge and you do not need to have participated in previous webinars in the series to benefit from them.

Join the Distance Learning Course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT System. The course is free and available in 10 PCT publication languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. The whole course takes around 4 hours. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration for the current session is open until 30 November 2026 via the WIPO Academy website.

Practical Advice

Using the PCT to seek regional patents

Q. The ePCT system for filing a PCT application shows some Contracting States as designations for a national patent only, some for a regional patent only, and others for both a national and a regional patent. Could you please explain how this distinction works and why it matters. What are the consequences for obtaining patent protection?

The PCT System streamlines and simplifies procedures for obtaining patent protection in multiple countries. Additional advantages may result from its combined use with regional patent systems.

Under PCT Article 45, regional patent treaties and national laws may allow PCT applicants to seek regional patents through the PCT. Four regional treaties currently have such arrangements: the Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO), the Eurasian Patent Convention (EAPC), the European Patent Convention (EPC), and the Agreement establishing the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).[1]

As mentioned in last month's Practical Advice, the filing of a PCT request constitutes automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT on the international filing date, for every kind of protection available for each country concerned (PCT Articles 2(ii), 43 and 44, and Rule 4.9(a)). Such designation also covers both national and regional patents, where applicable (PCT Article 45 and Rule 4.9(a)(iii)).

During the international phase you do not need to make any indication as regards seeking regional or national patents; you may keep your options open as to whether you will enter the regional phase before the regional Office for countries which are members of one of the above-mentioned regional treaties or the national phase before the relevant national Office, where that is possible. Note that some countries have "closed the national route", meaning that the State concerned may be designated only for a regional patent; currently this is the case with some EPC and all OAPI States.

The characteristics of regional patent systems vary. Whereas the EPC and ARIPO allow you, when entering the regional phase, to select those States within the regional system where you wish to obtain patent protection, the EAPC and OAPI systems designate all States and it is not possible to omit any State from the designation.

Where you have the choice between seeking national patents or a regional one in the markets you are interested in, you will need to compare the two routes to determine which would be more advantageous in your particular situation. In doing so, you should take into account the applicable laws on patentability as well as the costs of and procedures for obtaining, maintaining and enforcing patent rights, among other considerations.

[1] Another regional patent system operates through the Patent Office of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). A GCC patent cannot be obtained via the PCT, as neither the regional treaty nor any of the national laws of its member States currently provide for such possibility under Article 45. However, all six GCC member countries are PCT Contracting States and are designated for national patents.

The decision process will be essentially the same as for any national phase entries. The National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* contain information on time limits and requirements for entry into the national/regional phase, and special requirements under national laws. Please refer to the WIPO website for tables showing the PCT Contracting States for which a regional patent can be obtained via the PCT, the types of protection available in different Contracting States and the time limits for entering the national/regional phase across all Offices.

In addition, it should be noted that although different applicants may be indicated for different States designated for a regional patent in a PCT application, where a particular State has been designated for both a national patent and a regional patent, the same applicant or applicants must be indicated for both designations (Section 203(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

Concerning fees, there may be exemptions or reductions if the national or regional phase is entered before an Office that has already performed the international search or international preliminary examination. These are strategic considerations that you may already need to take into account when you file a PCT application, if there is more than one International Searching Authority specified as competent for the searching of international applications by the receiving Offices where you may file an international application.

As for where to enter the national phase, you should consider your business needs first and foremost, but you may also wish to consider criteria such as efficiency of procedures, any scope for accelerated processing or work-sharing arrangements (for example, Patent Prosecution Highway agreements), availability of remedies to correct mistakes made in the international phase, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, and so on.

In addition, further specificities may apply in relation to particular regions. To take just one example: if and when a European patent has been granted, patent owners may request unitary effect of that patent for the territory of any EPC States that are also members of the European Union (EU) and participate in the Unitary Patent system. That means uniform protection and simplified judicial enforcement procedures before the Unified Patent Court (UPC). For more information, visit the EPO website.

Further information can be found in the Practical Advice in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

- 04/2026: Using the PCT to seek other kinds of protection for an invention than a patent
- 09/2021: Requesting accelerated national phase processing of an international application
- 03/2019: Filing strategies: factors to consider when deciding whether to file an international application with a national (or, where applicable, regional) Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office – an example of a US resident who is a national of Canada
- 01/2017: PCT and PPH-PROSUR for efficient patent seeking in Latin America

PCT Newsletter readers are welcome to suggest questions for future Practical Advice articles. We cannot promise to cover every suggested topic, but we always give your ideas careful consideration. Please send feedback to: pct.newsletter@wipo.int

PCT Seminar Calendar

(situation as at 26 May 2026)

Date and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers	Organizer and contact details
18 June 2026 **Lyon (FR)**	French	PCT seminar WIPO speaker: Ms. Eva Schumm, Senior Legal Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Centre Paul Roubier E-mail: info@paulroubier.com Tel: (33-4) 78 33 07 08 More information

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
28 May 2026 online 15:30–16:30 KST	Korean	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 5 – The importance of priority claims and how to deal with them Speaker: Ms. Ji Eun Park, Program Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register More information
2 June 2026 online 16:00–17:00 JST	Japanese	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 3 – Mastering PCT time limits; and Episode 5 – The importance of priority claims and how to deal with them Speaker: Ms. Mineko Mohri, Senior Legal Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register More information
2 June 2026 online 10:00–12:20 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): "PATENSCOPE" Speakers: Ms. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing and Communications Officer, Global Databases Division, WIPO; Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO	Register More information
3 June 2026 online 15:00–16:00 Beijing time	Chinese	PCT Basics webinar series: Episode 5 – The importance of priority claims and how to deal with them Speaker: Mr. Shujiang Zhou, Legal Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division, WIPO	Register More information

Other events		
4 June 2026 online 15:00–16:00 CEST	**Launch of new WIPO report**: *FRAND Economics: Valuation Methods in Licensing Standard Essential Patents* WIPO's new publication offers a practical reference on the economic valuation methods used to assess fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory (FRAND) licensing terms in the field of standard essential patents.	Register More information

Find the latest information on PCT training.

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 May 2026, 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 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	Kyrgyz 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
UYI	Indexed Units (UI)
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 May 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,526	28	–	380	570	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,910	130	–	1,790	2,690	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,500	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

(amounts on 1 May 2026, 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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 160	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 100	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 556,500	6,300	–	83,700	125,500	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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

(amounts on 1 May 2026, 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]	
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000[18]	JPY 264,900	3,000	–	–	59,800	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000[19]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL –[11]	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	LYD –[11]	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
MN	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,428	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 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87[21] (natural persons) USD 375.50[21] (legal persons)	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550[22]	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 16,600	190	–	2,500	3,740	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF –[11]	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.57 on paper: 25.14	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	EG EP SA US
RO	RON 508	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	RSD 10,320[23]	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	RUB 2,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	SAR 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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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]	
SG	**SGD** 150	**SGD** 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	**EUR** 91	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	none	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	**SYP** 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU
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** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	**UAH** (or eq **EUR** or **USD**)[25] 2,600	**USD** (or eq **UAH** or **EUR**) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	**UGX** refer to Office	**UGX** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT EP SG
US	**USD** 285[26] small entity:[27] 114[26] micro entity:[27] 57[26]	**USD** 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	**UYU** eq **UYI** 672.62[28]	**UYU** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	**UZS** 245,000[29]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	**VND** 300,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	**SAT** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	**ZAR** 525	**ZAR** 28,760	320	–	4,320	6,490	AT AU EP US
ZM	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	**ZWD** 6,000	**ZWD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[30]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **KRW** 3,250,000 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,158 **EUR** 1,351 **KRW** 2,268,000 **NZD** 2,494 **SGD** 1,878 **USD** 1,555 **ZAR** 25,050 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***NZD*** *2,664)*
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 403 **USD** 470
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[31] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 235 **EUR** 252 **USD** 294
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 98 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 384 **EUR** 435 **USD** 516 *(From 1.7.2026:* ***CHF*** *93 for searches carried out in Russian,* ***CHF*** *415 for searches carried out in English)*
EG[32]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 67 **EUR** 72 **USD** 84 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***CHF*** *59* ***EUR*** *64* ***USD*** *73)*
EP[33]	**AUD** 3,210 **EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **CNY** 15,710 **DKK** 14,080 **GBP** 1,632 **HUF** 719,500 **ISK** 273,600 **JPY** 345,900 **NOK** 21,620 **NZD** 3,717 **SEK** 19,950 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
ES[33]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
FI	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
IL	**ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,064 **EUR** 1,142 **USD** 1,333
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 84 **EUR** 96 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 113 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 21 **EUR** 24 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 28 *(From 1.7.2026:* ***EUR*** *90, or* ***EUR*** *22 in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution)*
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 718 **EUR** 815 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 952 For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 848 **EUR** 963 **SGD** 1,455 **USD** 1,125 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***SGD*** *1,358* ***USD*** *896 for IAs in Japanese,* ***USD*** *1,059 for IAs in English)* *(From 1.7.2026:* ***EUR*** *765 for IAs in Japanese,* ***EUR*** *904 for IAs in English)*
KR[35]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 437 **CHF** 252 **EUR** 270 **NZD** 543 **SGD** 409 **USD** 316 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,166 **CHF** 672 **EUR** 721 **NZD** 1,447 **SGD** 1,089 **USD** 842 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***CHF*** *239 for IAs in Korean,* ***CHF*** *636 for IAs in English* ***SGD*** *384 for IAs in Korean,* ***SGD*** *1,024 for IAs in English)*
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 98 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 432 **EUR** 489 **USD** 580 *(From 1.7.2026:* ***CHF*** *93 for searches carried out in Russian,* ***CHF*** *467 for searches carried out in English)*
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 19,950 **CHF** 1,734 **DKK** 14,080 **EUR** 1,885 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 21,620 **USD** 2,237
SG	**SGD** 2,350 ***AUD*** *2,643* **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 272,900 **KRW** 2,582,000 **USD** 1,816 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***JPY*** *292,300* ***KRW*** *2,765,000)*

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*
(amounts on 1 May 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
TR	**TRY** 97,060 **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 **USD** 2,237
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 38,300 For a small entity:[27] **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 15,320 For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 7,660
XN	**EUR** 1,885 **DKK** 14,080 **CHF** 1,734 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 21,620 **SEK** 19,950 **USD** 2,237
XV	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **HUF** 719,500 **USD** 2,237

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 May 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee[2, 37]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: **CHF** 792 – for a search of European and North American documentation: **CHF** 1,109 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 1,584	**CHF** 200
EP	**CHF** 1,734[33] **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
FI	**CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
RU	**CHF** 115 **CHF** 182[38] *(From 1.7.2026:* ***CHF*** *125* ***CHF*** *197)*[38]	**CHF** 200
SE	**CHF** 1,734	**CHF** 200
SG	**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **TRY** 97,060 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: **CHF** 10	**CHF** 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 84 – 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** 65 – 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	**CHF** 200
XN	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: **CHF** 499	**CHF** 200
XV	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: **CHF** 512	**CHF** 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

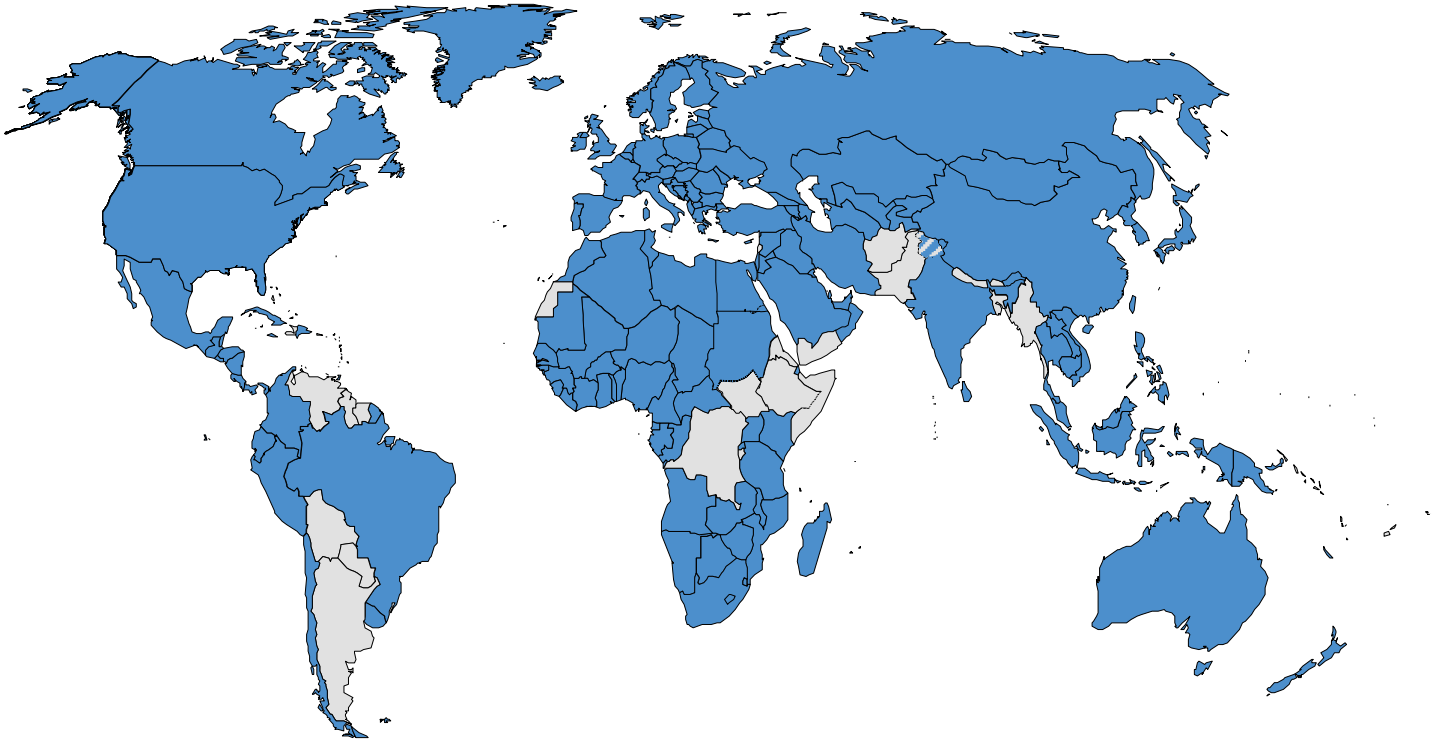
(amounts on 1 May 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 380
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
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:[31] **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,790
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 2,010[33]	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[33]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,801	**ILS** 822
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** 251
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 357,000 *(From 1.6.2026:* ***KRW*** *377,000)*
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[36]**:** **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[41] 7,000[42] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[41] 26,000[42]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[43] For a small entity:[27] **USD** 282 352[43] For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 141 176[43]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026); however, they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial
29 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
30 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).
31 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
32 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".
33 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
34 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
35 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.
36 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.
37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
38 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).
39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
42 In all cases where note 41 does not apply.
43 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 May 2026)



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
MR Mauritania (OA)[2]
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)
SG Singapore
SI Slovenia (EP)[2]
SK Slovakia (EP)
SL Sierra Leone (AP)
SM San Marino (EP)[2]
SN Senegal (OA)[2]
ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
SV El Salvador
SY Syrian Arab Republic
SZ Eswatini (AP)[2]
TD Chad (OA)[2]
TG Togo (OA)[2]
TH Thailand
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 to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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PCT Yearly Review 2026 now available

Report offers rich data on PCT filings, national phase entry and PCT System performance



WIPO has published the *PCT Yearly Review 2026*, the latest edition of its annual in-depth statistical analysis of patenting activity through the PCT system.

The *Review* expands on the 2025 PCT filings data that were reported in the March issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. In addition to 30 figures and tables analyzing international applications, it also includes information about national phase entries in 2024 (the latest year for which data are available).

Detailed filing data show that women accounted for 18.1% of all inventors named in PCT applications in 2025. However, the share of women inventors has risen steadily over the past 15 years, increasing by 6.7 percentage points in total since 2011.

The report also reveals that PCT national phase entries fell by 3.7% in 2024 – the second consecutive year of decline. PCT national phase entries accounted for 53.3% of non-resident patent applications filed worldwide.

Almost all PCT applications (99.4%) in 2025 were filed electronically, with 44.5% being filed through the ePCT service. The International Bureau (IB) performed the PCT-required formalities examination for 81.3% of PCT applications within one week of receipt and for 95.6% within two weeks, while receiving Offices took 2.7 weeks on average to transmit a PCT application to the IB. Both these metrics reflect significant improvements in Office performance since the baseline reporting year of 2011.

The English-language version of *PCT Yearly Review 2026* is available to download free of charge, and you can also download the underlying data. An Executive Summary will be published soon in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.

Also in this issue: PCT information update – How SMEs can use the PCT timeline as a framework for strategic business decisions – Save the date: Advanced PCT Seminar – Practical Advice on communications from Offices during Chapter I of the international phase

WIPO simplifies access to PCT Infoline through online button



PCT users can now call WIPO's free-of-charge PCT Information Service directly over the internet. A "Call for free" button has been added to call PCT Infoline on several PCT web pages, making it even easier to access the service. As long as the caller has an internet connection, calls can be placed free of charge from anywhere in the world.

The PCT Information Service answers general enquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure to be followed during the international phase of the PCT. Users can call between 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Geneva time (currently Central European Summer Time) to speak to a member of WIPO's Infoline team.

Users can also continue to contact the service by telephone: +41 22 338 83 38, or email: pct.infoline@wipo.int.

Combined July/August issue

The next issue of the *PCT Newsletter* will be a joint July/August issue that will be published in the first half of August. There will therefore be a longer than usual interval between the publication of this issue and the July/August issue, and also between the July/August issue and the September issue.

If users need to be made aware of important PCT news during these periods, we will announce it through the PCT email updating service or publish a news item on the PCT website. If you have not already subscribed to the email updating service, which notifies PCT users when each issue of the *PCT Newsletter* becomes available and also shares important ad hoc announcements, you can sign up free of charge here. And for more information and news, follow WIPO – Patents and Technology on LinkedIn.

The PCT seminar calendar and fee tables may also be updated and published independently in the intervals between publication of this issue, the July/August issue and the September issue.

New/updated PCT resources

Directives of the PCT Assembly

Up-to-date texts of the Directives of the PCT Assembly are now available on a new webpage. This currently includes the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees (as in force from July 17, 2024) and the Directives of the PCT Assembly Relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees (as in force from July 1, 2010). All available language versions of the Directives can be accessed via the page.

Electronic filing and processing of international applications

Change to electronic filing arrangements at the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland

From 1 August 2026, the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland will no longer accept the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form using EPO Online Filing (eOLF). The only electronic filing software it will accept is ePCT Filing.

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

PCT information update

AU Australia (fees)

From 1 July 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in AUD of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets, the electronic filing reduction (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, and the handling fee payable to the Australian Patent Office, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C (AU) and E (AU))

BS Bahamas (accession to PCT)

As noted in the May issue of the *PCT Newsletter*, the Bahamas will become bound by the PCT on 19 August 2026. The instrument of accession contains a declaration under Article 64(5) of the PCT that the Bahamas does not consider itself bound by Article 59 of the PCT (relating to disputes between two or more PCT Contracting States concerning the interpretation or application of the Patent Cooperation Treaty or PCT Regulations).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, PCT Contracting States)

CN China (time limits for fees)

The China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has clarified that the filing fee for patents and for utility models, and the application publication fee for patents, must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). Any applicable additional filing fee for patents or utility models, if not paid at the same time, may be paid upon invitation by the Office.

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

EC Ecuador (Office email addresses)

The email addresses of the National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador) have changed and are now as follows:

Email: (for general enquiries)
info@senadi.gob.ec

(for PCT enquiries)
relacionesinternacionales@senadi.gob.ec
pct@senadi.gob.ec

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (EC))

HN Honduras (Office email addresses)

The email addresses of the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras) have changed and are now as follows:

Email: patentes@ip.gob.hn
Lorena.garcia@ip.gob.hn

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (HN))

HU Hungary (fees)

From 1 July 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in HUF of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets and the electronic filing reduction (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

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

IL Israel (fees)

From 1 July 2026, there will be a change in the equivalent amount in ILS of the handling fee payable to the Israel Patent Office, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

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

LK Sri Lanka (Office email address)

The email address of the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka has changed and is now as follows:

Email: dg@nipo.gov.lk

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (LK))

MT Malta (representation by agent)

The Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department (Malta) has clarified the requirements for representation before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office:

− an agent is not required if the applicant resides in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area;

− an agent is required if the applicant does not reside in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

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

NO Norway (fees)

From 1 August 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in NOK of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets and the electronic filing reduction (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (NO))

RU Russian Federation (Office contact details)

The addresses and facsimile number of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) have changed and are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: (for general enquiries)
Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent)
Berezhkovskaya nab. 30-1
Moscow, G-59, GSP-3, 121059
Russian Federation

(for application processing)
Federal Institute of Industrial Property (FIPS)
Berezhkovskaya nab. 30-1
Moscow, GSP-1, 119991
Russian Federation

Facsimile: (7-495) 531 63 36

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (RU))

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

From 1 July 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Australian Patent Office ..... CHF, SGD

Indian Patent Office ..... USD

Israel Patent Office ..... EUR, USD

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) ..... EUR, USD

From 1 August 2026, 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) ..... HUF, NOK

Israel Patent Office ..... CHF

Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP) ..... NZD

Nordic Patent Institute ..... NOK

Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) ..... NOK

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU, BR, EP, IL, IN, KR, SE and XN))

SME Support Series

PCT SME Support Series (No. 3): How to use the PCT timeline strategically

Q: I run a small business and would like to seek patent protection for an important invention without delay. At the same time, we are still testing the product, speaking with investors and potential partners, and deciding where we may launch, manufacture or license the invention. I understand that the PCT gives us more time to decide where to seek patent protection. How should we use that time?

The PCT legal framework sets out a timeline of procedural steps that underpin the PCT System. To use the PCT successfully, you need to follow those procedures; thus, adhering to the timeline and meeting time limits for actions is a matter of legal compliance. But it also makes sense to treat the timeline as a practical business planning tool. Properly understood, it can help you structure and schedule some critical strategic decisions. To realize the full potential of the PCT, you need to know where the PCT System provides flexibility as well as risk and cost management opportunities.

The PCT is a patent filing system rather than a patent granting system. An international application does not result in the grant of an "international patent". Whether or not protection is granted for your invention will be decided by each national or regional Office in the territories where you have chosen to seek protection. But once an international filing date has been accorded, your PCT application has the legal effect of a regular national application in each designated (i.e., chosen) State.

When you file a PCT application, generally all PCT Contracting States are designated automatically. You can wait until a later stage in the process – known as the national phase – to specify the States in which you wish to further seek protection. This means that you defer most processing, examination, translation and legal advisors' costs to a later time.

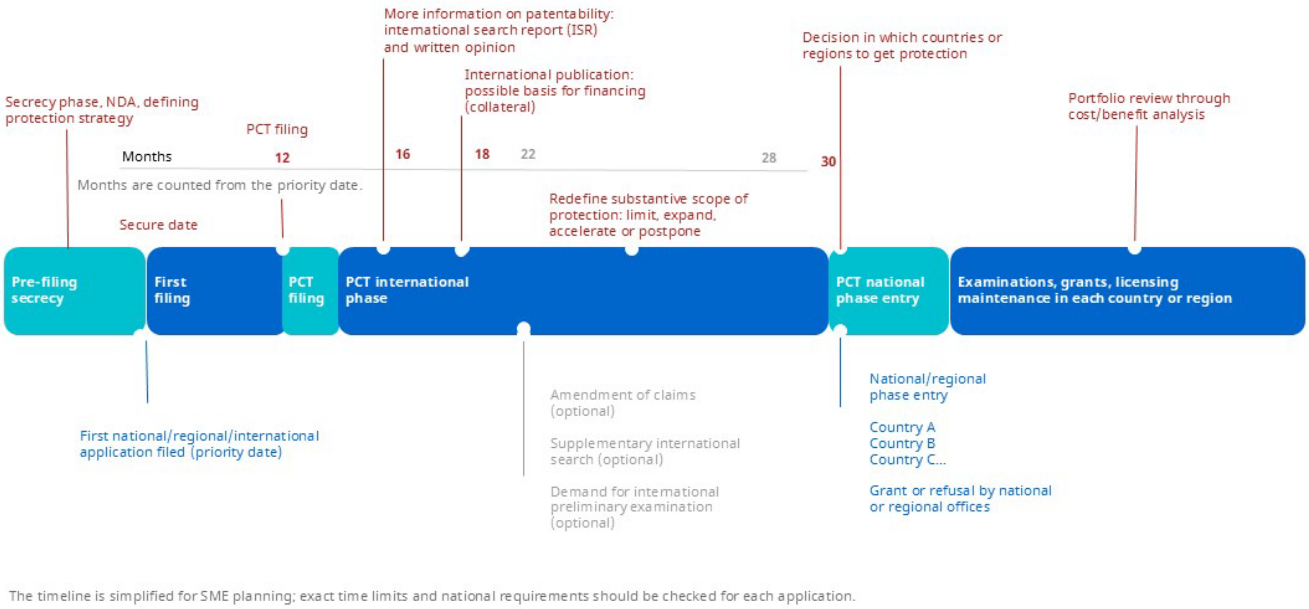
Your PCT application gives you a clear schedule for choosing the territories in which you wish to seek protection. National phase entry can involve significant costs, so in deciding where to seek protection, you need to weigh those costs against the potential commercial benefits of protection in each market. Understanding the PCT timeline should help you focus on the relevant decisions at each stage of the process.

Figure 1 shows a typical PCT timeline for SMEs. It may look complicated, but do not worry. Your legal advisor can guide you through the necessary formalities, and in using the PCT you or your legal advisor will also receive a series of notifications and PCT forms from the International Bureau and other Offices alerting you to necessary actions (for more information on this, see the Practical Advice article below). Alongside the main legal and administrative steps involved in filing through the PCT, Figure 1 also highlights some key practical planning questions for SMEs. These are explained in more detail in Table 1 below. You need to understand a few key points about the filing process:

- Months in the timeline are counted from the priority date. Most users begin by filing one or several national or regional patent application(s), then file a PCT application within 12 months, claiming priority from the earlier application(s). The priority date will be the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed, or the international filing date if no earlier priority is claimed.

- In a typical case where a PCT application is filed at the end of the priority year, the international search report (ISR) and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority will generally become available around 16 months from the priority date. These two documents can help inform your decisions. The ISR identifies relevant prior art, while the written opinion provides a preliminary, non-binding view on whether the invention appears to meet certain patentability criteria including novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability.
- WIPO will normally publish your international application shortly after the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, unless you have withdrawn it beforehand.
- In the vast majority of Offices, national or regional phase entry is usually due within 30 or 31 months from the priority date. However, you should always check the applicable time limit and requirements for each Office. You should also know that you can enter the national phase early and separately for each country and region.
- Figure 1 also shows optional international phase procedures. For example, amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19, supplementary international search and a demand for international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the PCT may be relevant in some cases. A Chapter II demand is generally due within three months from transmittal of the ISR and written opinion or 22 months from the priority date, whichever date is later, while the corresponding international preliminary report will generally be established later in the international phase – shown around 28 months in the timeline.

Figure 1: PCT timeline for SMEs



The timeline is simplified for SME planning; exact time limits and national requirements should be checked for each application.

From a business perspective, you need to consider a second, more fundamental set of issues alongside the legal and formal requirements that patenting entails. Table 1 identifies key business issues at different stages of the timeline.

Table 1: Key business issues at different stages of the PCT timeline

Timing	PCT/legal layer	SME/business layer
Before disclosure	No PCT step yet. Prepare first filing if patent protection is intended.	Keep technical information confidential (need to know); check and use non-disclosure agreements (NDAs); confirm ownership by founders, employees, consultants, contractors, research partners or possible co-applicants; consider what should be filed and what may remain know-how or trade secret.
First filing and priority year	File a first national or regional application. File a PCT application within 12 months from the priority date, if priority is to be claimed.	Use months 0–12 to review the business case, likely markets, competitors, materials for investors and partners, and budget. Patent information searches by Offices or from your side may be relevant before the first filing or early in the process; a separate freedom-to-operate review may be needed before selling in a particular market.
After PCT filing and international search	In a typical case where the PCT application is filed at the end of the priority year, the international search report (ISR) and written opinion may become available around 16 months from the priority date. Optional procedures may also be considered, including Article 19 amendments to the claims, supplementary international search and a demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II.	Read the search results (ISR and written opinion) as decision input: refine patent claims, reassess risks, update materials for investors or partners, and decide whether the strategy should be broader, narrower or faster. Prepare for public disclosure or – in rare cases – keeping the invention further secret, working the invention further, by withdrawing all applications related to the invention. You could always apply again with a refined invention as long as it stays entirely unpublished.
International publication and optional Chapter II	If not withdrawn, the application is normally published shortly after 18 months from the priority date and becomes accessible through the open-access PATENTSCOPE database. A demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II is generally due by whichever date is later: three months from transmittal of the ISR and written opinion or 22 months from the priority date. The Chapter II report is shown at around 28 months in the timeline.	If you are considering filing a demand under Chapter II, decide whether international preliminary examination may help before national or regional phase entry. For business purposes, you may want to prioritize early examination with a view to accelerating processing in other jurisdictions based on examination progress. This will provide you with clarity while retaining flexibility on geographical protection and deferring significant national and regional costs.
Before national/regional phase	For many Offices, national or regional phase entry is usually due within 30 months from the priority date, but deadlines and requirements vary by Office. If you do not enter national phase within the time limit, the PCT will cease to have effect.	Because all PCT Contracting States are automatically designated upon filing, the decision on where to enter the national or regional phase can generally be deferred until closer to the applicable deadline. Select countries by business case, considering customers, competitors, manufacturing, partners, licensing, enforcement, translation and local agent costs, regulatory timing and funding runway. You may want to accelerate examinations in certain countries based on PCT Patent Prosecution Highway (PCT-PPH) Agreements.
After national/regional phase entry	Each national or regional Office examines the application under its own law and decides whether to grant protection.	Periodically review your portfolio of applications in process and granted patents: decide whether maintenance fees remain justified; consider licensing or assignment opportunities; and verify official communications or payment requests.

Selected WIPO resources

A range of free-to-use WIPO resources are available to help you. Consult the PCT FAQs and *PCT Applicant's Guide* for core PCT steps and Office-specific requirements; PATENTSCOPE for published PCT applications; ePCT and DAS for digital filing and priority-document administration; the WIPO IP Diagnostics tool or the publication *Enterprising Ideas: A Guide to Intellectual Property for Startups* for more information about broader IP management issues such as ownership, confidentiality and portfolio planning; and WIPO's PCT-PPH webpage to see whether faster examination in a particular Office may be relevant.

Key takeaway

For SMEs, the PCT timeline is not just a list of legal deadlines. It can also serve as a practical planning and risk management tool. Use it to keep options open before publication, test markets, review search results, select countries more carefully and avoid unnecessary costs before national or regional phase entry.

Upcoming PCT trainings

Save the date: Advanced PCT Seminar, 30 September to 1 October 2026

WIPO has decided to hold its regular Advanced PCT Seminar in Geneva from 30 September to 1 October 2026.

This in-person seminar is aimed at patent administrators, paralegals, foreign filing specialists, and patent agents or attorneys who are already experienced users of the PCT system. Participants will gain best-practice tips and learn about the latest developments in the PCT system from the International Bureau's PCT team.

Registration will open soon. For more information including links to recordings and materials from previous seminars, visit the Advanced PCT Seminar webpage.

Join the distance learning course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT System. The course is free and available in 10 PCT publication languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. The whole course takes around 4 hours. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration for the current session is open until 30 November 2026 via the WIPO Academy website.

Practical Advice

Communications usually received from Offices during the international phase under Chapter I of the PCT

Q: I've just filed a PCT application. What communications will I receive during the international phase, assuming no defects in formalities are found in my application?

A: After you have filed an international application under the PCT, you will receive a range of notifications, invitations and other communications from the receiving Office (RO), the International Bureau (IB) and the International Searching Authority (ISA). In ordinary circumstances – that is, where no formalities defect has been found in the PCT application as submitted – you will receive the communications outlined below. (Note that this overview does not cover communications relating to international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the PCT.)

You need to carefully monitor the arrival of each communication and check its content. Make sure that the data it contains match your internal records. Do not wait until the application has been published to detect and correct errors, as some important time limits for remedial actions will have expired by that time.

PCT/RO/105 Notification of the international application number and of the international filing date

If the conditions for according an international filing date are fulfilled on the date on which the receiving Office receives the application, the receiving Office will accord that date as the international filing date and notify the applicant (PCT Article 11(1) and Rule 20.2). You need to check that you receive this important notification, which is usually issued within the first month after the application has been filed. Make sure the accorded filing date is the date you expected and that other information in the notification is correct; if not, you need to consider requesting corrections following the applicable procedures.

PCT/RO/150 Invitation to furnish translation

Where a PCT application has been filed in a language which is not accepted by the competent ISA, you need to furnish a translation into a language accepted by that ISA within one month from the filing date. If a translation has not yet been furnished, the RO will invite you to do so. The procedure is outlined in PCT Rule 12.3.

PCT/RO/102 Notification concerning payment of prescribed fees

The transmittal fee, international filing fee and international search fee must be paid within one month after filing (PCT Rules 14, 15 and 16). Generally, you will receive this notification concerning payment together with the notification of the international filing date. Any electronic filing system will have calculated the amounts in question. This notification indicates any balance due; you should check the figure and pay it as soon as possible, bearing in mind that the RO will not transmit a copy of the application (the search copy) to the ISA until the search fee has been paid (PCT Rule 23.1(a)). If all due fees are not paid within the month, the RO will issue Form PCT/RO/133: *Invitation to pay with a late payment fee*, applying the procedure outlined in PCT Rule 16*bis*.

PCT/IB/301 Notification of receipt of record copy

The IB should notify you that it has received from the RO – after any national security clearance that may be required – a copy of the international application (the record copy) (PCT Rules 22.1 and 24.2). The record copy will be used for international publication and other processing of the application at the IB.

PCT/ISA/202 Notification of receipt of search copy

The ISA should notify you of the date on which it has received the search copy, based on which it will perform the international search (PCT Rules 23 and 25). The international search report and the written opinion of the ISA will usually be established within three months from this date.

PCT/ISA/220 Notification of transmittal of the international search report (ISR) and the written opinion of the ISA, or the declaration
PCT/ISA/210 International search report (or PCT/ISA/203 Declaration of non-establishment of ISR), and
PCT/ISA/237 Written opinion of the ISA

At about 16 months from the priority date, the ISA should send you the results of the international search, namely, the ISR and the written opinion of the ISA (PCT Articles 17 and 18, Rules 43, 43*bis* and 44). Form PCT/ISA/220 is sent along with the results as a cover page. If the ISA decides not to establish the ISR, for example, because the application relates to an excluded subject matter, it will substitute the report with a declaration to this effect.

PCT/IB/304 Notification concerning submission, obtention or transmittal of priority document

If your application contains a priority claim and you have submitted the priority document, the IB will notify you when it has received the priority document or obtained the document via the Digital Access Service (DAS), and, in the case of multiple priority claims, whether all priority documents have been received. Make sure you receive this form; if it has not been received within a reasonable time after you furnished the priority document or DAS access code, you need to investigate – where possible within the time limit to correct priority claims (PCT Rule 26*bis*) – in case there was an issue with the priority claim. The same applies where more than one priority is claimed and the letters "NR" appear next to a priority claim. For details on furnishing priority documents, please see PCT Rule 17.1.

PCT/IB/311 Notification concerning availability of the publication of the international application

The IB will use this notification to inform you that the international application has been published on PATENTSCOPE (PCT Article 21 and Rule 48) on a certain date with a specific publication number. The content of your application will be disclosed to the public from this date, and the publication can be cited using the publication number.

PCT/IB/308 Second[1] and supplementary notice informing the applicant of the communication of the international application (to designated Offices which apply the 30-month time limit under Article 22(1))

Usually at 28 months from the priority date, the IB will send you this notice to inform you that it has transmitted your application to all those national Offices that require such transmittal. For national Offices that do not require such transmittal, this notice serves as conclusive evidence that the application was made available for download to all such designated Offices. As a result, you as the applicant do not need to furnish a copy of your international application to any of the designated Offices. Moreover, the notice is also a timely reminder to applicants that the time limit for entering the national phase is approaching.

PCT/IB/326 Notification concerning transmittal of copy of international preliminary report on patentability (PCT Chapter I)
PCT/IB/373 International preliminary report on patentability (PCT Chapter I).

At 30 months from the priority date, if no demand for international preliminary examination has been filed, the IB will, on behalf of the ISA, convert the written opinion of the ISA into an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) for communication to the designated Offices, and will send a copy to the applicant with the above Form (PCT Rules 44*bis*.1 and 44*bis*.2).

[1] The first notice is sent earlier, after 19 months, and concerns only Luxembourg and the United Republic of Tanzania, which do not apply the 30-month time limit for national phase entry.

PCT/IB/374 Notification of transmittal of copies of translation of the written opinion of the ISA

Also at 30 months, where the written opinion of the ISA was not established in English, the IB will translate it into English for the designated Offices and send a copy to the applicant (PCT Rules 44*bis*.3 and 72).

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The above list covers the communications that you should receive as an applicant during the international phase under Chapter I of the PCT. If you receive any other PCT-related invitations or communications, you need to read them with particular care, especially where the international filing date or a priority claim are in question. They may relate to formality defects, some of which may be remedied within certain time limits, otherwise loss of rights may occur.

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(situation as at 20 June 2026)

Date and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers	Organizer and contact details
15 October 2026 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (15–16 October) WIPO speaker: to be announced	IPI Academy (Ms. Angela Spall) Email: angela.spall@ipacademy.com
23 October 2026 Heidelberg (DE)	German/ English	Discussion of the PCT System within the framework of the 9th *Heidelberger PAFA-FORUM* conference (22–23 October) WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (Ms. Janina Bätge) Email: service@forum-institut.de Tel: (49) 6221 500 500 More information (in German)
18–20 November 2026 Cologne (DE)	German/ English	Presentation on the latest developments in the PCT System within the framework of the 16th *PAFA-Tagung* conference WIPO PCT speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Silke Weiss, Senior Legal Officer, Hague Legal Affairs Section, Hague Legal and Treaty Promotion Division; Mr. Qiangqiang Li, Coordinator, Madrid Operations Service, Madrid Operations Division	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 Email: info@ipforip.de More information (in German)

PCT Webinars

Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
8 September 2026 online 10:00–13:30 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): “PCT System: filing an international application via ePCT – live demonstration” WIPO speaker: Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division, WIPO	Register
29 September 2026 online 10:00–12:55 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): “PCT System: filing an international application via ePCT – live demonstration” WIPO speakers: Mr. Ilya Gribkov, Head of the Section for the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, Division for Transition and Developed Countries; Ms. Krysanova	Register

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PATENTSCOPE Webinars			
Date and time	**Language of webinar**	**Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers**	**Registration**
30 June 2026 online 17:30–18:15 CEST	English	Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing and Communications Officer, Global Databases Division	Register
2 July 2026 online 08:30–09:15 CEST	English	Chemical searches in PATENTSCOPE WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register
21 July 2026 online 17:30–19:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 1 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register
23 July 2026 online 08:30–10:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 1 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register
18 August 2026 online 17:30–19:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register
20 August 2026 online 08:30–10:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register

PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 June 2026, 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 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	Kyrgyz 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
UYI	Indexed Units (UI)
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 June 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,526 *(From 1.7.26: 2,362)*	28 *(27)*	–	380 *(355)*	570 *(533)*	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,910	130	–	1,790	2,690	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,500	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 160	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 100	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 556,500 *(From 1.7.26: 517,500)*	6,300 *(5,800)*	–	83,700 *(77,800)*	125,500 *(116,700)*	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
JO	**JOD** 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	**JPY** 17,000[18]	**JPY** 264,900	3,000	–	–	59,800	EP IN JP SG
KE	**USD** 250 or **KES** 5,000 plus cost of mailing	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	**KGS** 4,000[19]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	**KHR** 420,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	**KZT** 10,264.80	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	**LSL** –[11]	**LSL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	**EUR** 92	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	**EUR** 19	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	**EUR** 70	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	**LYD** –[11]	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	**MKD** 2,700	**MKD** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	EP
MN	none	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	**EUR** 55	**EUR** 1,428	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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	**USD** 93.87[21] (natural persons) **USD** 375.50[21] (legal persons)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	**MYR** 550[22]	**MYR** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	**EUR** 50	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	**NOK** 800	**NOK** 16,600 *(From 1.8.26: 15,700)*	190 *(180)*	–	2,500 *(2,360)*	3,740 *(3,540)*	EP SE XN
NZ	**NZD** 207	**NZD** 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	**XAF** –[11]	**XAF** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	**OMR** 40	**OMR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	**USD** 240	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	**PEN** 233.35	**PEN** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	**PGK** 250	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	**PHP** 4,200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.57 on paper: 25.14	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	**QAR** 400	**QAR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	EG EP SA US
RO	**RON** 508	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	**RSD** 10,320[23]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	**USD** 100	**SAR** 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
SG	SGD 150	SGD 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	EUR 91	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	none	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	SYP 5,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU
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 –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	UAH (or eq EUR or USD)[25] 2,600	USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	UGX refer to Office	UGX eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT EP SG
US	USD 285[26] small entity:[27] 114[26] micro entity:[27] 57[26]	USD 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	UYU eq UYI 672.62[28]	UYU eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	UZS 245,000[29]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	VND 300,000	CHF 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	SAT 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	ZAR 525	ZAR 28,760	320	–	4,320	6,490	AT AU EP US
ZM	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	ZWD 6,000	ZWD eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[30]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **KRW** 3,250,000 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,158 **EUR** 1,351 **KRW** 2,268,000 **NZD** 2,664 **SGD** 1,878 **USD** 1,555 **ZAR** 25,050 *(From 1.7.2026: **CHF** 1,239 **SGD** 2,016)*
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 403 **USD** 470 *(From 1.7.2026: **EUR** 436 **USD** 513)*
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[31] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 235 **EUR** 252 **USD** 294
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 98 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 384 **EUR** 435 **USD** 516 *(From 1.7.2026: **CHF** 93 for searches carried out in Russian, **CHF** 415 for searches carried out in English)*
EG[32]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 59 **EUR** 64 **USD** 73
EP[33]	**AUD** 3,210 **EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **CNY** 15,710 **DKK** 14,080 **GBP** 1,632 **HUF** 719,500 **ISK** 273,600 **JPY** 345,900 **NOK** 21,620 **NZD** 3,717 **SEK** 19,950 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800 *(From 1.8.2026: **HUF** 670,800 **NOK** 20,280)*
ES[33]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
FI	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
IL	**ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,064 **EUR** 1,142 **USD** 1,333 *(From 1.7.2026: **EUR** 1,241 **USD** 1,446)* *(From 1.8.2026: **CHF** 1,170)*
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 84 **EUR** 96 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 113 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 21 **EUR** 24 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 28 *(From 1.7.2026: **EUR** 90, or **EUR** 22 in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution **USD** 104, or **USD** 26 in case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution)*
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 718 **EUR** 815 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 896 For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 848 **EUR** 963 **SGD** 1,358 **USD** 1,059 *(From 1.7.2026: **EUR** 765 for IAs in Japanese, **EUR** 904 for IAs in English)*
KR[35]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 437 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 270 **NZD** 543 **SGD** 384 **USD** 316 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,166 **CHF** 636 **EUR** 721 **NZD** 1,447 **SGD** 1,024 **USD** 842 *(From 1.8.2026: **NZD** 501 for IAs in Korean, **NZD** 1,336 for IAs in English)*
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 86 **EUR** 98 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 432 **EUR** 489 **USD** 580 *(From 1.7.2026: **CHF** 93 for searches carried out in Russian, **CHF** 467 for searches carried out in English)*
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 19,950 **CHF** 1,734 **DKK** 14,080 **EUR** 1,885 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 21,620 **USD** 2,237 *(From 1.8.2026: **NOK** 20,280)*
SG	**SGD** 2,350 **AUD** 2,643 **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 292,300 **KRW** 2,765,000 **USD** 1,816

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 June 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
TR	**TRY** 97,060 **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 **USD** 2,237
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 38,300 For a small entity:[27] **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 15,320 For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 7,660
XN	**EUR** 1,885 **DKK** 14,080 **CHF** 1,734 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 21,620 **SEK** 19,950 **USD** 2,237 *(From 1.8.2026:* ***NOK*** *20,280)*
XV	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **HUF** 719,500 **USD** 2,237

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 June 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee[2, 37]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: **CHF** 792 – for a search of European and North American documentation: **CHF** 1,109 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 1,584	**CHF** 200
EP	**CHF** 1,734[33] **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
FI	**CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
RU	**CHF** 115 **CHF** 182[38] *(From 1.7.2026:* ***CHF*** *125* ***CHF*** *197)*[38]	**CHF** 200
SE	**CHF** 1,734	**CHF** 200
SG	**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **TRY** 97,060 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: **CHF** 10	**CHF** 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 84 – 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** 65 – 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	**CHF** 200
XN	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: **CHF** 499	**CHF** 200
XV	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: **CHF** 512	**CHF** 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

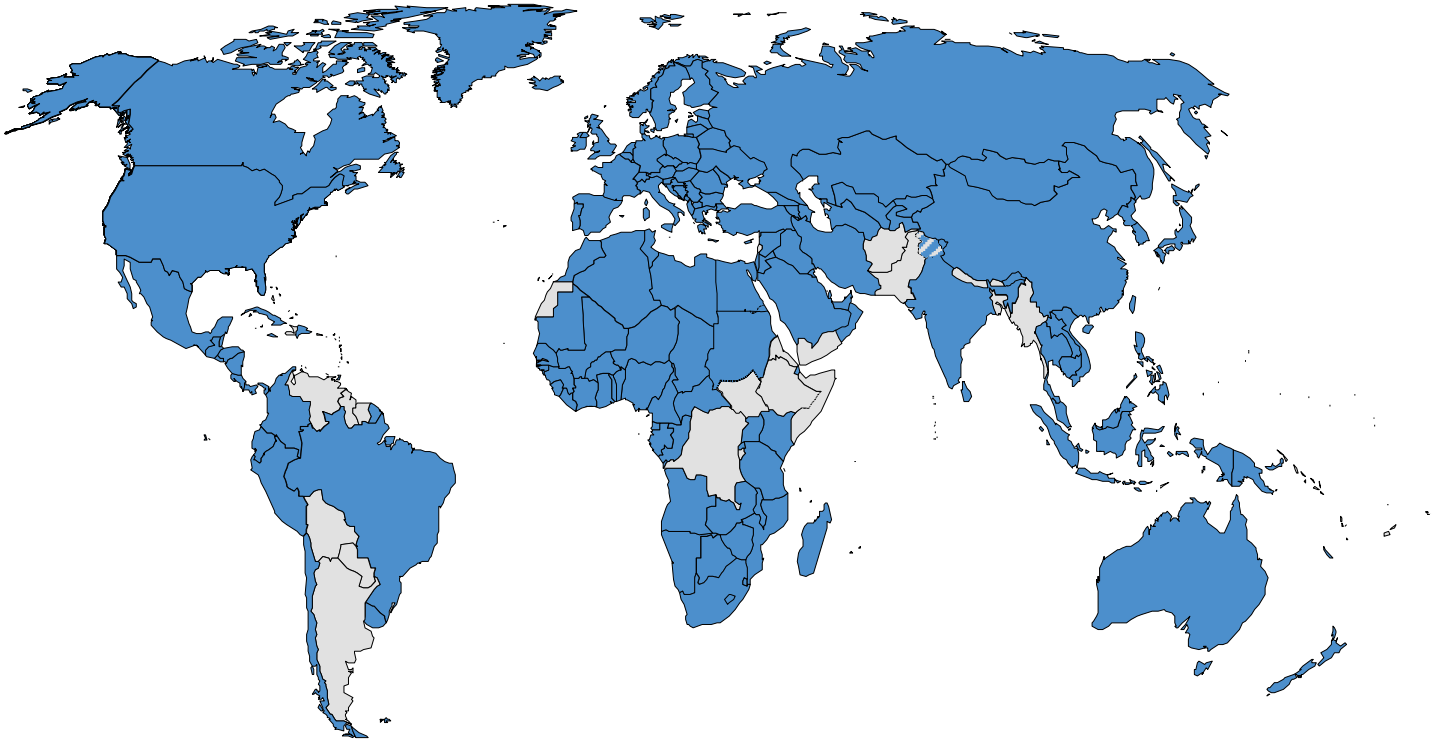
(amounts on 1 June 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 380 *(From 1.7.2026:* *355)*
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
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:[31] **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,790
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 2,010[33]	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[33]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,801	**ILS** 822 *(From 1.7.2026:* *755)*
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** 251
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 377,000
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[36]**:** **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[41] 7,000[42] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[41] 26,000[42]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[43] For a small entity:[27] **USD** 282 352[43] For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 141 176[43]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026); however, they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial
29 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
30 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).
31 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
32 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".
33 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
34 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
35 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.
36 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.
37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
38 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).
39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
42 In all cases where note 41 does not apply.
43 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 June 2026)



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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
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UG Uganda (AP)
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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 June 2026, validation of a European patent is possible. International applications filed on or after 1 June 2026 will include the designation of the Republic of Moldova 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).

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PCT Assembly – key outcomes from 58th session

All 25 ISAs and IPEAs reappointed; 26th Authority appointed; PCT Regulations amended

The PCT's governing body, the Assembly of the PCT Union (PCT Assembly), has approved the recommendations made by the PCT Working Group and the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (CTC) in February 2026.



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At its 58th session, held in Geneva as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO from 9 to 17 July 2026, the PCT Assembly:

- extended the appointment of existing International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities;
- appointed the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI) as a new International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA); and
- adopted a range of amendments to the PCT Regulations and modifications to Directives of the Assembly.

Documents for the session are available online, and a draft report will be published on the same web page imminently.

All 25 of the national Offices and intergovernmental organizations currently acting as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT have had their appointments extended until 31 December 2037 (document PCT/A/58/2). Before that date, they will each sign a new agreement with the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO in relation to their international search and preliminary examination operations. The Assembly approved the draft texts for these agreements in a new model format – discussed further below.

Also in this issue: PATENTSCOPE expands SEP data coverage – WIPO Global Awards 2026 winners announced – PCT information update – Advanced PCT Seminar registration open – Practical Advice on translation requirements during Chapter I of the international phase

IMPI will become the 26th ISA and IPEA under the PCT – and the third based in Latin America and the Caribbean. It will begin operations after its agreement with the IB has been signed and comes into effect (documents PCT/A/58/3 and PCT/A/58/3 ADD.).

Amendments to the PCT Regulations are set out in document PCT/A/58/1, and include:

- Changes aimed at improving electronic services and providing a higher degree of protection for personal data provided for PCT processing. These amendments will require the provision of an email address and a telephone number for processing an international application, allow the exclusion of certain personal data from public access, and provide a basis for changing the address to which correspondence is to be addressed later than 30 months from the priority date. They will take effect from 1 July 2027.
- Changes supporting the use of a new model agreement that forms the basis of the agreements that each Office or organization will have with the International Bureau in relation to its functioning as an ISA/IPEA from 1 January 2028. The new draft agreements – each of which was also approved by the Assembly – no longer have separate annexes setting out the operational information for the relevant ISA/IPEA; this information will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* and reflected in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.
- Changes to clarify that the processing of an international application considered withdrawn following failure to supply an electronic copy of an international application filed on paper in accordance with Rule 89*bis*.1(d-*ter*) will take place in the same way as other cases where the receiving Office declares that an international application is considered withdrawn.
- A minor correction of the French version of Rule 26.3*ter*.

The Assembly also adopted modifications to Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees. The modified Directives will apply from 1 January 2027 (as also set out in document PCT/A/58/1). The changes will streamline the process for establishing equivalent amounts in different currencies when the amount of a fee is changed, and will also reduce the time for a new equivalent amount to take effect following a fluctuation in an exchange rate.

PATENTSCOPE expands SEP data coverage

And tool also now offers AI-assisted search

WIPO has enhanced its global patent database, PATENTSCOPE, by expanding the data on standard essential patents (SEPs) and enabling AI-assisted searches.

Since 2025, users have been able to search for "declared" SEPs – filings for patents that the holder believes are essential to a particular standard. Earlier this year, pool-verified SEP search was added to find patents that have been objectively verified as SEPs by independent experts on behalf of patent pool administrator Sisvel.

Now, Via Licensing Alliance has become the second patent pool administrator to provide verified essentiality data, meaning that more than 9,000 patent applications are searchable as pool-verified SEPs.

Coverage of declared patents has also increased significantly. Data on declared SEPs from the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) has been expanded: PATENTSCOPE now displays not only patents explicitly declared to ETSI as standard essential, but also related patent family members added by ETSI through its Family Extension.

This enhancement increases the number of distinct patent records available through the PATENTSCOPE SEP collection – which covers ETSI, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – from over 206,000 to more than 450,000.

Users can learn more about SEPs in PATENTSCOPE during two upcoming webinars, on 1 September and 3 September 2026.

In addition, users can now harness the power of AI to help build effective PATENTSCOPE search queries. Simply describe what you are looking for in natural language and an AI assistant will translate it into a structured search request.

The language model is hosted on WIPO premises so your search queries are kept confidential, and search capabilities will be further enhanced in due course.

For more information, visit the WIPO website.

WIPO Global Awards 2026 – winners announced

11 SMEs and startups recognized for strategic use of IP to drive growth and progress

Innovative enterprises from around the world have been named as winners of the fifth annual WIPO Global Awards.

The Awards were established in 2022 to celebrate startups and SMEs that use intellectual property (IP) to grow their businesses and generate positive impact. This year's competition attracted more than 1,300 applications across 126 countries.



Image: WIPO/Berrod

The 11 Award-winners were selected across a range of sectors through rigorous evaluation of their business case, IP strategy, internal IP culture and contribution to addressing societal challenges. They include: Infira (agrifood startup – Argentina); AgZen (agrifood SME – United States of America); Dabida (creative industries startup – Republic of Korea); Jade ND (creative industries SME – Brazil); Flosfia (environment startup – Japan); Botree (environment SME – China); Regend (health startup – China); ArteryFlow (health SME – China); Drovid (ICT startup – Chile); ICTK (ICT SME – Republic of Korea); and Bearmind (sports – Switzerland).

Winners will receive intensive mentoring on IP strategy, market access and fundraising, as well as networking opportunities as members of the Global Awards Alumni Community.

New WIPO publications

SPARK report highlights boom in GenAI patenting



Patent activity in generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) is booming, with over 56,000 patent families published in 2024 and 2025 – more than double the total for the entire previous decade.

Patent Trends Update in GenAI, the latest report in WIPO's Technology SPARK series, builds on a patent landscape report from 2024 to identify key developments in this fast-evolving field.

Along with a huge acceleration in the volume of related filings, the research reveals changing trends in patent ownership. SoftBank of Japan has become the largest patent holder in the field, with 2,985 patent families published between 2014 and 2025, and large multinational enterprises increasingly feature among the top applicants alongside software and internet companies.

While China continues to dominate in GenAI patenting volume, accounting for more than 42,000 published patent families in 2024 and 2025, countries including the United States, Japan and Germany saw more dynamic patent growth during that period.

There has also been a shift in technological focus. Large language models (LLMs) have overtaken generative adversarial networks (GANs) as the dominant GenAI model type, with 14,100 patent family publications for LLMs versus 5,200 for GANs in 2025.

Investment in intangibles reaches record level

Global investment in intangibles such as research and development, software, patents, brands and other IP surpassed USD 10 trillion for the first time in 2025, according to the *World Intangible Investment Highlights 2026*.

The study by WIPO and Luiss Business School tracked investment across 29 economies accounting for 57 percent of world GDP.

The findings underscore the critical – and growing – importance of IP-backed assets for the world economy. Between 2015 and 2025, investment in intangibles grew 2.5 times faster than investment in tangible assets.

WIPO seminar offers chance to explore SEPs and global dispute settlement

Register to join in person or online on 12 and 13 October

An upcoming WIPO seminar on 12 and 13 October will examine standard essential patents (SEPs) and dispute settlement in depth.

Experts including practitioners, judges, policymakers, industry representatives and academics will discuss litigation, alternative dispute resolution and the global dynamics of SEP dispute resolution.

The event is designed for anyone interested in the global SEP dispute settlement landscape and open for registration now. It is hosted at WIPO headquarters but held through hybrid modality so you can also join remotely.

New version of WIPO Sequence Suite software released

Tool ensures biological sequence listings comply with mandatory WIPO Standard

A new version of WIPO's free-of-charge software for preparing and validating sequence listings in patent applications is now available.



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The WIPO Sequence Suite ensures that sequence listings comply with WIPO Standard ST.26 – a requirement for PCT applications disclosing amino acid and nucleotide sequences.

Both WIPO Sequence, the desktop application for applicants, and WIPO Sequence Validator, the web service that patent Offices use, have been updated.

Version 3.1.2 is the first production release in three years. Improvements include extended bulk editing, enhanced navigation and warnings for short sequences. Following user feedback, a "hot-fix" patch which resolved reported issues, version 3.1.3, has also been published.

To benefit from improved functionality and ensure you are using the most stable version available, all WIPO Sequence users are strongly encouraged to upgrade to the latest version. It is available for Windows (10/11), Mac and Linux, and the Mac binaries are now signed by WIPO.

Users can download WIPO Sequence from the WIPO website or simply accept the pop-up prompt when you open an earlier version. Contact the International Bureau with any feedback via wiposequence@wipo.int.

Worksharing and fast-track procedures

GH and US sign statement of intent for Accelerated Patent Grant arrangement

The Registrar General's Department (Ghana) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) have signed a statement of intent for a new Accelerated Patent Grant (APG) arrangement between the two Offices.

The APG will allow eligible patent applicants who have been granted a US patent from the USPTO to request that the Registrar General's Department grant a patent on a corresponding Ghanaian patent application.

The agreement was signed on 9 July 2026 in the margins of the WIPO Assemblies and will last for five years from the date of signature.

For more information, visit the USPTO website. For more about other worksharing initiatives among Offices and acceptance of equivalent search and examination by other Offices,visit WIPO's dedicated webpages.

El Salvador joins Patent Law Treaty

El Salvador has become the 45th party to the Patent Law Treaty (PLT), having deposited its instrument of accession on 7 July in the margins of the WIPO Assemblies.

The PLT streamlines formal procedures for filing and processing national or regional patent applications – making patent systems more accessible by reducing complexity and ensuring relief measures against loss of rights for applicants.

El Salvador's accession will take effect from 7 October 2026.

PCT fee reductions at the European Patent Office

Changes in eligibility – FM, JO, LK, PH and VN

Nationals of certain countries may be eligible for reductions in some PCT fees at the European Patent Office (EPO). With effect from 1 July 2026, Jordan, Micronesia (Federated States of), the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam have been removed from the list of such countries.

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.

Jordan, Micronesia (Federated States of), the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam have been removed from the list of countries whose resident nationals are eligible for these reductions in line with a recent update to the World Bank's classification of countries.

For further information, please refer to the Official Journal of the EPO, July 2026.

Warning: planned WIPO IT system outages

Possible disruption to ePCT and other WIPO systems on 22 August and 1 September

Upcoming work to maintain and upgrade WIPO's information technology systems may briefly disrupt some platforms and services, including ePCT.

Services may be interrupted on two dates:

- On Saturday, 22 August, users may experience problems in accessing applications for around 10 minutes between 09:00 and 10:00 CEST, and for around 30 minutes between 10:00 and 14:00 CEST.
- On Tuesday, 1 September, between 09:00 and 10:00 CEST, users will be unable to create or confirm new WIPO Accounts, or to update WIPO Account personal information in existing WIPO Accounts. Login using existing WIPO Accounts to use ePCT and other systems should be unaffected as long as you do not need to update your personal information.

In both cases, the planned downtime is expected to be very short and application of PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) for excuse of delay in meeting time limits is not envisaged at this stage, as per the practice of the International Bureau. Users are nevertheless advised to factor these possible outages into their planning.

New/updated PCT resources

PCT Applicant's Guide: eGuide now available in Japanese

WIPO has released a fully electronic "eGuide" version in Japanese of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, its comprehensive collection of practical, step-by-step information on using the PCT system.

In addition to the previously available HTML versions of the two general parts of the Guide – the introduction to the international phase and the introduction to the national phase – the eGuide content available in Japanese now includes the annexes covering fees, procedures and requirements applicable in all PCT Offices.

The new format offers Japanese-speaking users easier navigation and annexes will be updated regularly, giving users more timely access to the information they need.

The enhanced Japanese eGuide is the latest step in ongoing work to optimize the *PCT Applicant's Guide* across multiple languages for a wide range of digital devices. Further enhancements are in the pipeline, and you are welcome to send feedback and suggestions to: pct.guide@wipo.int.

Excuse of delay in meeting time limits

Notification under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) (International Bureau)

As published on the WIPO website, the ePCT system experienced intermittent outages during the following period:

> From 7 June 2026, 22:46 Central European Summer Time (CEST) to 8 June 2026, 02:59 (CEST)

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations due to this incident may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a). For the applicable conditions, refer to the notification by the International Bureau published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 November 2023 (pp.217–18).

PCT information update

BG Bulgaria (discontinuance of fax service; representation by agent)

Since 20 February 2026, the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria has stopped accepting the filing of documents by facsimile.

The Office has clarified that any attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may act as an agent before the Office, whether in its capacity as receiving Office or delegated (or elected) Office.

The Office has also notified that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it has not made any waiver regarding a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), and requires that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

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

BW Botswana (fees)

Since 1 August 2026, the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) payable to the Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana) in its capacity as receiving Office has changed to USD 50.

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

CN China (fees)

From 1 September 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in CNY of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets, the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, and the handling fee, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C and E (CN))

CR Costa Rica (Office website address; fees)

The website address of the Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica) has changed and is now as follows:

Website: https://www.rnpdigital.com/registro_propiedad_intelectual/

Since 1 January 2026, several fees payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office have changed as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ..... USD 25

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): ..... USD 160

Since the same date, the Office has also changed the amounts of the following fees payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

Fee for reinstatement of rights
(PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)): ..... USD 160

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)): ..... USD 160

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B and C, and National Chapter, Summary (CR))

CY Cyprus (Office name; number of copies required for paper filing)

The name of the patent Office of Cyprus has changed and is now:

Name of Office: Department of Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (Cyprus)

In addition, the number of copies of an international application required by the Office if the application is filed on paper has changed: three copies must now be filed, instead of one.

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

DZ Algeria (fees)

Since 1 January 2026, national fee components and the amounts payable to the Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office have changed and are now as follows:

	Companies	*Universities, research centers*	*Start-ups, natural persons*
Filing fee and maintenance fee for the 1st year:	DZD 15,000	DZD 7,000	DZD 6,500
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	DZD 10,000	DZD 5,000	DZD 2,000
Publication fee:	DZD 10,000	DZD 5,000	DZD 3,000
— Surcharge for each set of 5 pages in excess of 10	DZD 5,000	DZD 2,000	DZD 1,200
Maintenance fee: — from the 2nd to the 5th year, per year	DZD 5,000	DZD 4,000	DZD 3,000

The national fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). Value added tax (VAT) of 19% must be added to the fee amounts.

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

EG Egypt (types of physical media accepted by the Office)

The Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority has notified of a change concerning the types of physical media accepted by it as an International Searching Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form: it now accepts CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD and DVD-R.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EG))

HU Hungary (discontinuance of fax service)

Since 1 July 2026, the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO) has stopped accepting the filing of documents by facsimile.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (HU))

LC Saint Lucia (Office address)

The location and mailing address of the Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia) has changed and is now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Cnr. Micoud and Chisel Streets Castries Saint Lucia

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (LC))

MT Malta (Office telephone numbers)

One of the telephone numbers of the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department (Malta) has changed. The numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	(356) 2569 0100 (356) 2569 0101

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (MT))

NL Netherlands (Kingdom of the) (Office email address)

The email address of the Netherlands Patent Office has changed and is now as follows:

Email:	info@octrooicentrum.nl

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (NL))

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) (Office telephone number and website address; communication of notifications; discontinuance of fax service; available types of protection; representation by agent; fees)

The telephone numbers and website address of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) have changed and are now as follows:

Telephone:	(237) 222 20 57 00 (fixed line) 677 11 40 84 (WhatsApp)
Website:	https://oapi.int/

The Office now sends notifications regarding international applications via email.

The Office will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile.

The Office has clarified that the types of protection available via the PCT where the OAPI is designated (or elected) consist of OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI certificates of registration of utility models and OAPI certificates of improvement.

The Office has also clarified that any industrial property attorney or agent registered to practice before it may act as an agent before the Office, whether in its capacity as receiving Office or delegated (or elected) Office. A list of agents is available on the Office's website.

The Office has changed its requirements regarding submitting a copy of the international application upon entry into the national phase: the applicant is now only required to send a copy of the international application if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau in accordance with PCT Article 20. This may occur when the applicant requests early national phase entry under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).

Since 1 January 2025, the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has changed and is now XAF 50,000.

Since the same date, national fee components and amounts payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have also changed. Complete lists of national fees for patents and certificates of addition and utility models and certificates of improvement are available from the OAPI website.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B and C, and National Chapter, Summary (OA))

PT Portugal (fees)

Since 1 July 2026, the amounts of several fees payable to National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal) in its capacity as receiving Office have changed and are now as follows:

		Online	On paper
Transmittal fee:	EUR	12.58	25.69
Fee for priority document:	EUR	19.27	51.37
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):	EUR	192.63	385.26

Since the same date, the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)) payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office has changed and is now:

		Online	On paper
	EUR	192.63	385.26

And since that date, the amount of several fees payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office have also changed and are now as follows:

National fee:

For a patent:		Online	On paper
Filing fee	EUR	128.42	256.84
For a utility model:			
Filing fee	EUR	224.75	449.50

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C and National Chapter, Summary (PT))

QA Qatar (Office email addresses; fees)

The email addresses of the Intellectual Property Department (Qatar) have changed and are now as follows:

Email:	patent-ip@moci.gov.qa falmotawa@moci.gov.qa saljehani@moci.gov.qa salobaidli@moci.gov.qa

Since 10 June 2024, the filing and substantive examination fee payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office has changed to QAR 5,000 for applications filed by companies, institutions and research entities, or QAR 2,500 for applications filed by individuals. This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B and National Chapter, Summary (QA))

SE Sweden (discontinuance of fax service)

From 1 November 2026, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (SE))

SM San Marino (discontinuance of fax service)

Since 8 June 2026, the Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) has stopped accepting the filing of documents by facsimile. Documents may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail at: info.brevettiemarchi@pa.sm. The original of the document is not required.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (SM))

TM Turkmenistan (contact details; restrictions on filing international applications; provisional protection; accepted languages of filing; representation by agent; fees; requirements for national phase entry)

The location, mailing address and website address of the State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan have changed and are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Archabil av., 156 744000 Ashgabat c. Turkmenistan
Website:	https://fineconomic.gov.tm

The Office has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions on the filing of international applications with foreign Offices for inventions created in Turkmenistan. For details, see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 April 2026.

The Office has also notified that provisional protection after international publication is afforded only from the date the Office publishes the application details in its Bulletin. Such publication takes place after the required translation into the Turkmen language has been furnished and the relevant fees have been paid following entry into the national phase.

The Office has made several notifications in relation to its capacity as receiving Office:

- It accepts English and Russian as languages in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)).
- It accepts language-dependent free text in English or Russian for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d), and permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Russian within a single sequence listing.
- It has not made any waiver regarding a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), and requires that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted.

The national fee components and amounts payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have changed and are now as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee	USD 100
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one[1]	USD 30
Maintenance fee for patent (limited patent), for the 1st year	USD 50

The Office has also made several notifications in relation to its capacity as designated (or elected) Office:

- It has modified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Turkmenistan is designated (or elected). The name and address of the inventor must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
- Since 4 November 2017, the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) has been 31 months from the priority date.
- It applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(a)). Since 5 July 2018, the amount of the fee has been USD 70.
- It has changed the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee. For details, refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 April 2026.
- The language of the translation of the international application for entry into the national phase before the Office must now be Turkmen.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Annexes B and C and National Chapter, Summary (TM))

[1] This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

ZA South Africa (fees)

From 1 September 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts in ZAR of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets and the electronic filing reductions (where applicable) listed in item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

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

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

Since 1 August 2026, there have been changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) ..... EUR

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) ..... EUR

European Patent Office (EPO) ..... CNY

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) ..... EUR

Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP) ..... EUR, USD

Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) ..... HUF

From 1 September 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) ..... CHF

Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority ..... CHF, EUR, USD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (CN, EA, EG, EP, KR, RU and XV))

Upcoming PCT trainings

Registration open: Advanced PCT Seminar, 30 September to 1 October 2026

Registration is now open for WIPO's Advanced PCT Seminar, which will be held in person at the Organization's headquarters in Geneva from 30 September to 1 October 2026.

The seminar is aimed at experienced users of the PCT system including patent administrators, paralegals, foreign filing specialists, and patent agents or attorneys. Participants will gain best-practice tips and learn about the latest developments in the PCT system from the International Bureau's PCT team.

Full programme details will be published in due course. For information including links to recordings and materials from previous seminars, visit the Advanced PCT Seminar webpage.

Join the distance learning course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT System. The course is free and available in 10 PCT publication languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. The whole course takes around 4 hours. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration for the current session is open until 30 November 2026 via the WIPO Academy website.

Practical Advice

Requirement for translations of the international application during the international phase

Q: Our company often files PCT applications in Spanish. Several of the International Searching Authorities (ISAs) specified by the receiving Offices that we use do not perform searches in Spanish. Will we need to furnish any translation during the international phase?

A: Each receiving Office (RO) determines which language(s) it accepts for applications filed with it (PCT Rule 12.1). It may accept any language. When applicants have already filed a national application in their home country and then file a subsequent PCT application on the same invention with a receiving Office that accepts that same language, they may typically use their earlier application and simply add a filled-in PCT request form. In other words, applicants may generally obtain an international filing date without having to first translate the earlier application before filing their PCT application.[2] For details of the languages accepted by each RO, refer to Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Each RO must accept at least one language which is both a language accepted by the ISA to perform the international search (or by at least one of the ISAs, if the applicant may choose among two or more ISAs)[3] and a language of publication (PCT Rule 12.1(b)). Depending on the language in which the application is filed, applicants may thus have the option of filing in a particular language without having to furnish any translation during the international phase. This will be the case, for example, if you file the application in Spanish with the National Institute of Industrial Property in Chile and choose an ISA which performs searches in Spanish.[4] The PCT request will always be in a "language of publication" that the RO accepts (PCT Rule 12.1(c)), with the data being used for the front page of the published application. For details of the languages accepted by each ISA, refer to Annex D of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

[2] If the description and claims of an international application are not in a language accepted by the RO, that Office will not be a competent RO and will transmit the application to the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office (RO/IB) under PCT Rule 19.4.

[3] It is the RO that determines which ISA(s) are competent for applications filed with it; refer to PCT Rule 35 for details, including for applications filed with RO/IB.

[4] At time of writing, this would include the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM).

If you file the PCT application in a language that is not one in which the competent/chosen ISA performs an international search, then within one month of the RO receiving your application, you must furnish a translation into a language that is accepted by the ISA concerned; for details, refer to PCT Rule 12.3.

For example, if you file the application in Spanish with the National Institute of Industrial Property in Chile and wish the Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP) to perform the international search, you will need to furnish a translation into Korean or English.[5] Please note that for the original disclosure, it will be the language in which the application was filed that is relevant. Accuracy of the translation is the applicant's responsibility (PCT Article 46). Any mistake in the translation would generally need to be remedied in the national phase under applicable national procedures.

The ten languages of publication under the PCT are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish (PCT Article 21(4) and Rule 48.3(a)). If a PCT application is filed in one of these languages, it will be published in that same language, irrespective of whether any translation has been furnished after the international filing date for the international search. If the application is filed in Spanish, it will be published in Spanish; under current procedures you cannot choose to have it (also) published in any other language of publication.

If the application is published in a language other than English, the International Bureau will translate into English the title, abstract and the international search report (or declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) that no search report will be established), and will publish that English translation in addition to the other published language version (PCT Articles 18(3) and 21(4), and Rules 45 and 48.3(c)).

In most cases where a PCT application has been filed in a language which is not a publication language and a translation has been furnished for the international search, that translation will also need to be in a language of publication and will be used for international publication. In a few cases a PCT application may be filed and searched in a language which is not also a language of publication, in which case the applicant will need to furnish a translation specifically for the international publication under PCT Rule 12.4; this might be the case, for example, for applications filed and searched in Danish, Finnish, Norwegian or Swedish.

Which language(s) are accepted by an Office is typically one of the criteria to consider in choosing an RO or ISA at the time you file the PCT application. Other possible criteria include fees payable, searchable subject matter, restrictions regarding number of applications, familiarity with a particular office or its efficiency of processing, acceptance of non-conversion files, applied safeguard procedures – and more.

Details relating to the languages to be used for filing any amendments under PCT Article 19, rectifications of obvious mistakes under PCT Rule 91.1 or corrections of formal defects in translations can be found in PCT Rule 12.2.

[5] Note that the search fee will be different depending on which of these two languages you choose; refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (KR).

Further information can be found in the Practical Advice in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

- 07-08/2024: Mixed languages used in an international application
- 10/1998: Filing of an international application in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office but which is neither a language accepted by the competent International Searching Authority nor a language of publication

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PCT Seminar Calendar

(situation as at 12 August 2026)

Date and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers	Organizer and contact details
22–24 September 2026 Denver, Colorado (US)	English	A 2.5-day in-person seminar on the PCT WIPO speaker: Ms. Hanna Kang, Senior Legal Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC $200 reduction if booked using coupon code WS1 $260 reduction if booked together with seminar on PCT docketing of 24 September 2026 using coupon code WS3 More information
24 September 2026 Denver, Colorado (US)	English	An in-depth seminar on PCT docketing	Oppedahl Patent Law Firm LLC $60 reduction if booked using coupon code WS2 $260 reduction if booked together with seminar of 22–24 September 2026 using coupon code WS3 More information
30 September – 1 October 2026 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced PCT seminar held at WIPO headquarters. For experienced PCT users WIPO speakers: to be announced	More information Register
5 October 2026 Switzerland (CH)	German	Lecture on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas Henninger, Senior Legal Information Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Center for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) (Dr. Alexandra Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
15 October 2026 London (GB)	English	PCT seminar within the framework of the Conference for Senior Patent Administrators (15–16 October) WIPO speaker: to be announced	IPI Academy (Ms. Angela Spall) Email: angela.spall@ipacademy.com
23 October 2026 Heidelberg (DE)	German/ English	Discussion of the PCT System within the framework of the 9th *Heidelberger PAFA-FORUM* conference (22–23 October) WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (Ms. Janina Bätge) Email: service@forum-institut.de Tel: (49) 6221 500 500 More information (in German)
18–20 November 2026 Cologne (DE)	German/ English	Presentation on the latest developments in the PCT System within the framework of the 16th *PAFA-Tagung* conference WIPO PCT speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Silke Weiss, Senior Legal Officer, Hague Legal Affairs Section, Hague Legal and Treaty Promotion Division; Mr. Qiangqiang Li, Coordinator, Madrid Operations Service, Madrid Operations Division	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 Email: info@ipforip.de More information (in German)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	**Language of webinar**	**Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers**	**Registration**
8 September 2026 online 10:00–13:30 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): "PCT System: filing an international application via ePCT – live demonstration" WIPO speaker: Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division	Register
29 September 2026 online 10:00–14:20 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): "Women innovators and the benefits of the PCT" WIPO speakers: Mr. Ilya Gribkov, Head of the Section for the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, Division for Transition and Developed Countries; Ms. Krysanova Other speakers: Dr. Tursunai Bektemirova, Researcher, M.M. Adyshev Institute of Geology, National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Director, Ger-Eco Scientific and Technical Center; Dr. Raisa Litvinovskaya, Chief Researcher, Doctor of Chemical Sciences and Professor, Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus	More information Register
15 October 2026 online 10:00–13:35 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): "PCT System: how to create an account in ePCT; how to manage access rights; how to upload requests or amendments to a PCT application after filing – live demonstration" WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova; Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division; Ms. Olga Ivashchenko, Client Advisor, PCT Operations Division	More information Register

PATENTSCOPE Webinars			
Date and time	**Language of webinar**	**Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers**	**Registration**
18 August 2026 online 17:30–19:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register
20 August 2026 online 08:30–10:00 CEST	English	Practical exercises in PATENTSCOPE session 2 WIPO speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register
1 September 2026 online 17:30–18:30 CEST	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE including SEP searches Speaker: Ms. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing and Communications Officer, Global Databases Division, WIPO	Register
3 September 2026 online 08:30–09:30 CEST	English	Overview of PATENTSCOPE including SEP searches Speaker: Ms. Ammann	Register

Other events		
12–13 October 2026 hybrid	**Seminar on Standard Essential Patents:** *Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together?* An intensive two-day seminar from WIPO bringing together practitioners, judges, policymakers and other experts to discuss litigation, alternative dispute resolution and the global dynamics of SEP dispute resolution.	Register More information

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(amounts on 1 August 2026, 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 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	Kyrgyz 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
UYI	Indexed Units (UI)
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 August 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,362	27	–	355	533	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 260	**BRL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,910 *(From 1.9.26: 11,220)*	130 *(130)*	–	1,790 *(1,690)*	2,690 *(2,530)*	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,500	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

(amounts on 1 August 2026, 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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 160	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 100	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 517,500	5,800	–	77,800	116,700	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000[18]	JPY 264,900	3,000	–	–	59,800	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000[19]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL –[11]	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	LYD –[11]	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
MN	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,428	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 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87[21] (natural persons) USD 375.50[21] (legal persons)	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550[22]	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,700	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF 50,000	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.85 on paper: 25.69	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	EG EP SA US
RO	RON 508	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	RSD 10,320[23]	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	RUB 2,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	SAR 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
SG	**SGD** 150	**SGD** 2,156	24	ï	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	**EUR** 91	**EUR** 1,428	16	ï	215	322	EP
SK	none	**EUR** 1,428	16	ï	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	**SYP** 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	251	376	AT EG EP RU
TH	**THB** 3,000	**THB** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	ï	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AU CN EP JP KR SG US
TJ	**TJS** ï [11]	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	**USD** ï [11]	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	ï	ï	EA EP RU
TN	**TND** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	ï	200	300	EP
TR	none	**CHF** 1,330	15	ï	200	300	EP TR
TT	**TTD** 750	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	**UAH** (or eq **EUR** or **USD**)[25] 2,600	**USD** (or eq **UAH** or **EUR**) 1,667	19	ï	ï	ï	EP UA
UG	**UGX** refer to Office	**UGX** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	ï	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT EP SG
US	**USD** 285[26] small entity:[27] 114[26] micro entity:[27] 57[26]	**USD** 1,667	19	125	251	ï	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	**UYU** eq **UYI** 672.62[28]	**UYU** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	ï	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	**UZS** 245,000[29]	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	251	376	EP RU
VN	**VND** 300,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	ï	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	**SAT** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	251	376	EP PH
ZA	**ZAR** 525	**ZAR** 28,760 *(From 1.9.26: 26,800)*	320 *(300)*	ï	4,320 *(4,030)*	6,490 *(6,040)*	AT AU EP US
ZM	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	ï	251	376	AT SE
ZW	**ZWD** 6,000	**ZWD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	ï	ï	ï	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 August 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[30]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **KRW** 3,250,000 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,239 **EUR** 1,351 **KRW** 2,268,000 **NZD** 2,664 **SGD** 2,016 **USD** 1,555 **ZAR** 25,050
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 436 **USD** 513
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[31] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 235 **EUR** 266 **USD** 294 *(From 1.9.2026:* ***CHF*** *249)*
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 93 **EUR** 106 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 415 **EUR** 472 **USD** 516
EG[32]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 59 **EUR** 64 **USD** 73 *(From 1.9.2026:* ***CHF*** *64* ***EUR*** *70* ***USD*** *80)*
EP[33]	**AUD** 3,210 **EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **CNY** 14,870 **DKK** 14,080 **GBP** 1,632 **HUF** 670,800 **ISK** 273,600 **JPY** 345,900 **NOK** 20,280 **NZD** 3,717 **SEK** 19,950 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
ES[33]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
FI	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
IL	**ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,170 **EUR** 1,241 **USD** 1,446
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 84 **EUR** 90 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 104 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 21 **EUR** 22 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 26
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 718 **EUR** 765 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 896 For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 848 **EUR** 904 **SGD** 1,358 **USD** 1,059
KR[35]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 437 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 255 **NZD** 501 **SGD** 384 **USD** 294 For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,166 **CHF** 636 **EUR** 679 **NZD** 1,336 **SGD** 1,024 **USD** 783
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 93 **EUR** 106 **USD** 116 For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 467 **EUR** 531 **USD** 580
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 19,950 **CHF** 1,734 **DKK** 14,080 **EUR** 1,885 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 20,280 **USD** 2,237
SG	**SGD** 2,350 ***AUD*** *2,643* **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 292,300 **KRW** 2,765,000 **USD** 1,816

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 August 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
TR	**TRY** 97,060 **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 **USD** 2,237
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 38,300 For a small entity:[27] **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 15,320 For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 7,660
XN	**EUR** 1,885 **DKK** 14,080 **CHF** 1,734 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 20,280 **SEK** 19,950 **USD** 2,237
XV	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **HUF** 670,800 **USD** 2,237

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 August 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee[2, 37]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: **CHF** 792 – for a search of European and North American documentation: **CHF** 1,109 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 1,584	**CHF** 200
EP	**CHF** 1,734[33] **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
FI	**CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
RU	**CHF** 125 **CHF** 197[38]	**CHF** 200
SE	**CHF** 1,734	**CHF** 200
SG	**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **TRY** 97,060 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: **CHF** 10	**CHF** 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 84 – 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** 65 – 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	**CHF** 200
XN	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: **CHF** 499	**CHF** 200
XV	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: **CHF** 512	**CHF** 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

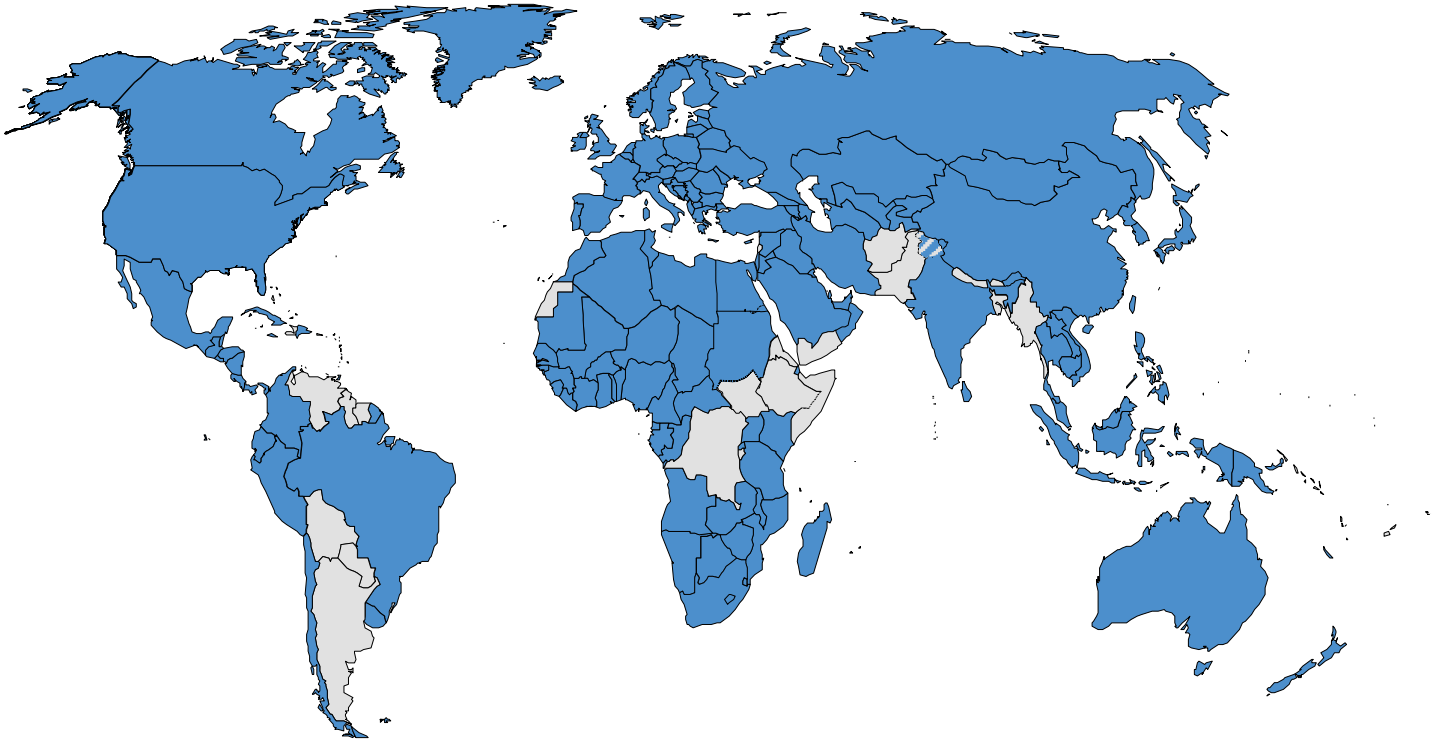
(amounts on 1 August 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 355
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
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:[31] **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,790 *(From 1.9.2026: 1,690)*
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 2,010[33]	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[33]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,801	**ILS** 755
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** 251
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 377,000
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government[36]**:** **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[41] 7,000[42] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[41] 26,000[42]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[43] For a small entity:[27] **USD** 282 352[43] For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 141 176[43]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026); however, they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial
29 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
30 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).
31 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
32 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".
33 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
34 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
35 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.
36 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.
37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
38 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).
39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
42 In all cases where note 41 does not apply.
43 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 August 2026)



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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
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CU Cuba
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DE Germany (EP)
DJ Djibouti
DK Denmark (EP)
DM Dominica
DO Dominican Republic
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HU Hungary (EP)
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IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)
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KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea
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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 June 2026, validation of a European patent is possible. International applications filed on or after 1 June 2026 will include the designation of the Republic of Moldova 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, 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 to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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Report reveals world's top innovation clusters

A third of all PCT filings originate in just five locations

China and the United States between them host nearly half of the world's top 100 geographical hotspots for innovative activity, according to a new ranking released by WIPO.

The GII innovation cluster ranking was produced as part of the Global Innovation Index (GII), the annual study of countries' innovation performance, and uses detailed geocoding of data on patent filings, scientific publications and venture capital deals to pinpoint the regions and cities where innovation is happening.

The results highlight the global importance of a relatively small number of geographical networks or clusters that bring together critical masses of researchers, inventors and investors. The top five clusters – Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou (China and Hong Kong, China), Tokyo–Yokohama (Japan), San Jose–San Francisco (United States), Beijing (China) and Seoul (Republic of Korea) – between them account for nearly one third (32.9%) of all PCT filings in 2026.

China hosts more top innovation clusters than any other economy with 25 and the United States hosts 20, followed by Germany (7), India (4) and the United Kingdom (4).

The full *Global Innovation Index 2026* will be released on 29 September and covered in next month's issue of the *PCT Newsletter*.

Further enhancement of *PCT Applicant's Guide*

Now users can access AI-assisted summaries of updates

A new feature of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – the comprehensive collection of practical, step-by-step information on using the PCT system – is being rolled out during September.

WIPO is leveraging artificial intelligence to provide AI-assisted summaries of the latest updates to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*. Users can review a summary of the latest updates when they access the Guide annexes online, and AI is also being used to expand the PCT Guide Updates that are emailed weekly to subscribers.

Also in this issue: WIPO Global Award winner's IP strategy – PCT information update – SME Support Series on how to choose where to protect your invention – Practical Advice on when and how to demand an international preliminary examination

The AI-assisted summaries of updates are available in English, French and Japanese, and will be offered in eGuide versions in other languages in due course.

WIPO Global Award winner outlines IP strategy

FLOSFIA co-founder explains how it maximizes value from patents and other rights



Image: WIPO/Berrod

An award-winning tech startup has opened up about how it is using IP including PCT filings strategically to build its global footprint.

Mr. Toshimi Hitora, co-founder and Chairman of the Board of FLOSFIA Inc., outlined the Japanese company's approach in an interview with WIPO.

Founded in 2011 as a spinoff from Kyoto University, FLOSFIA originally focused on water filtration but is now exploring the use of gallium oxide as an energy-saving alternative to silicon in power semiconductors.

Proactive investment in IP protection is central to its business strategy. The company has filed more than 800 patent applications to date, and uses the PCT extensively to maximize the time and information available for deciding where to seek patent protection. It routinely uses patent searches as a planning tool and budgets for PCT applications, and has built up its in-house IP team to support fast, cost-effective decision-making.

Access the entire interview – and more interviews featuring Japanese innovators – on the WIPO website.

We will be following the progress of more WIPO Global Award winners in future issues of the *PCT Newsletter*.

WIPO Pearl API for terminology now available on WIPO Business Partner Platform

The Application Programming Interface (API) for the WIPO Pearl terminology database is now available through the WIPO Business Partner Portal, a new platform offering a simplified procedure for subscribing.

The API provides access to more than 285,000 terms from WIPO Pearl – meaning users can draw on validated, reliable scientific, technical and IP-related legal terminology across 29 subject fields in all 10 PCT publication languages to support tasks such as prior art search.

The API allows third-party software to connect automatically to WIPO Pearl and search terms without visiting the WIPO Pearl website, but does not provide all the features and functions available on the WIPO Pearl website.

For more information, visit the WIPO website.

New version of ePCT available

WIPO has released a new version of ePCT, its online service for secure filing and management of international patent applications.

Version 4.18 incorporates several refinements to improve the user experience for both applicants and patent Offices, including:

- automatic language checks on certain uploaded documents, helping identify issues before submission;
- a new option to view sequence listings in a more user-friendly format; and
- workflow refinements for Receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities.

For full details, refer to the ePCT User Guide.

New version of WIPO Standard ST.3 published

A revised version of WIPO Standard ST.3 was published on 26 August 2026, and entered into effect on that date.

WIPO Standards provide a globally recognized common framework for managing and processing IP information and documentation. Within this framework, WIPO Standard ST.3 sets out two-letter codes for the representation of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.

The latest version reflects a change in name in English, French and Spanish for Naoero and also corrects several inconsistencies in the French and Spanish translations of the Standard.

The new version of WIPO Standard ST.3 is available online [PDF].

Withdrawal of notifications of incompatibility of certain PCT Rules with national laws

Mexican Institute of Industrial Property

The Mexican Institute of Industrial Property has notified the International Bureau that, since 4 April 2026, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT is no longer incompatible with:

- PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d) (effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Office); or
- PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(a) to (g) (restoration of right of priority by designated Office).

The notices of incompatibility previously submitted by the Office under PCT Rules 49*ter*.1(g) and 49*ter*.2(h) were therefore withdrawn with effect from the same date. More information about the Office's requirements in applying the above Rules will be published when available.

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

PCT information update

AU Australia (types of physical media accepted by the Office)

The Australian Patent Office has notified a change concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. The applicable requirement is now as follows:

> An entire copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one XML file (compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26) on a single USB drive.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AU))

BS Bahamas (delegation of Receiving Office functions; competent International Searching Authorities; general information; deposit of biological material)

The Bahamas' accession to the PCT as a new Contracting State took effect on 19 August 2026.

The Bahamas Intellectual Property Office (BAHIPO) has delegated its functions as receiving Office to the International Bureau of WIPO under PCT Rule 19.1(b).

At the time of writing, BAHIPO has specified the following as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Bahamas:

- National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) (with effect since 10 September 2026)
- Canadian Intellectual Property Office (with effect since 31 August 2026)
- National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) (with effect since 19 August 2026)
- European Patent Office (EPO) (with effect since 19 August 2026).

General information about the Bahamas as a PCT Contracting State, as well as information about BAHIPO's requirements as a designated Office under the PCT concerning the deposit of biological material, are now available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B and L (BS).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B and L (BS); and Annex C (IB))

CO Colombia (Office contact details; fees)

The location and mailing address and website address of the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) have changed and are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Calle 24 # 7-43 Edificio 7-24 Bogotá D.C. Colombia
Website:	https://sedeelectronica.sic.gov.co/

Since 13 February 2026, the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) in Colombian pesos (COP) payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office has changed and is now COP 476,000.

Since the same date, the amounts of the annual fee component of the national fees payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office have also changed and are now as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Annual fees:		
– for the 1st to the 4th year (per year):	COP 388,000	COP 466,000
(in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date:	COP 577,500	COP 692,500)

In addition, the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)) has changed since the same date and is now COP 942,500 when filing electronically or COP 1,129,500 when filing on paper.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes B and C, and National Chapter, Summary (CO))

KR Republic of Korea (fees)

From 1 November 2026, there will be a change in the equivalent amount in won (KRW) of the handling fee payable to the Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP), as indicated in the PCT Fee Tables.

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

KZ Kazakhstan (Office telephone numbers and website address)

The telephone numbers and website address of the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) have changed and are now as follows:

Telephone: (7-7172) 62 15 15
(7-727) 344 03 94 (Almaty Branch Office)

Website: https://kazpatent.kz/en/

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (KZ))

US United States of America (Office location and mailing address)

The location and mailing addresses of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) have changed and are now as follows:

Location:
United States Patent and Trademark Office
600 Dulany Street
Alexandria
VA 22314
United States of America

Mailing address:
(for delivery by United States Postal Service (USPS))
Mail Stop PCT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria
VA 22313-1450
United States of America

(for delivery by other delivery services)
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop PCT
Knox Building, Room 1D80
501 Dulany Street
Alexandria
VA 22314
United States of America

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (US))

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

From 1 October 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) ..... USD

National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)..... CHF

From 1 November 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in the currencies specified below for international searches carried out by the following Offices:

Austrian Patent Office..... KRW

Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) ..... CHF, EUR, USD

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) ..... CHF, EUR, USD

Japan Patent Office (JPO)..... KRW

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore ..... KRW

Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP)..... CHF, EUR, NZD, SGD, USD

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (AT, BR, CN, EA, KR, JP, RU and SG)

Supplementary search fee (Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation))

From 1 November 2026, there will be changes in the equivalent amounts payable in Swiss francs (CHF) for the supplementary search fee for supplementary international searches carried out by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).

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

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex SISA (RU))

SME Support Series

PCT SME Support Series (No. 4): How to decide where to protect your invention

Q: Our startup has filed a PCT application and identified eight possible markets, but our budget will cover entering the PCT national or regional phase in only three or four. How should we decide where to seek patents? What factors should we consider?

A: The PCT is an international patent filing system. Granting patents remains an exclusive decision for the relevant national Offices in the national phase. Where you ultimately obtain patent protection will depend on the specific national or regional territories you choose, and on whether the patent Office in each of those territories grants you a patent, based on its own patent law. Obtaining a patent can be a considerable investment – along with fees, you may need to pay for local legal advice/representation and possibly also translation. You also need to bear in mind the cost of maintaining the patent, including renewal fees and potential litigation costs. So where to seek protection, also known as “national phase entry”, is a critical decision for your business.

By filing an international application through the PCT, you have maximized your decision-making window, gaining time to research your options and hone your product and marketing plans. Below is an approach to decision-making to help ensure you make the most of all these advantages. It is based on a framework developed by Mr. David Reed, a corporate counsel, for a large company, and adapted to the resources and requirements of SMEs. The approach covers:

- **what** sort of factors you need to consider;
- **who** should be involved in the decision-making;
- **when** you should decide; and
- **how** you can weigh up all the options systematically.

What? *Make sure you see the whole picture*

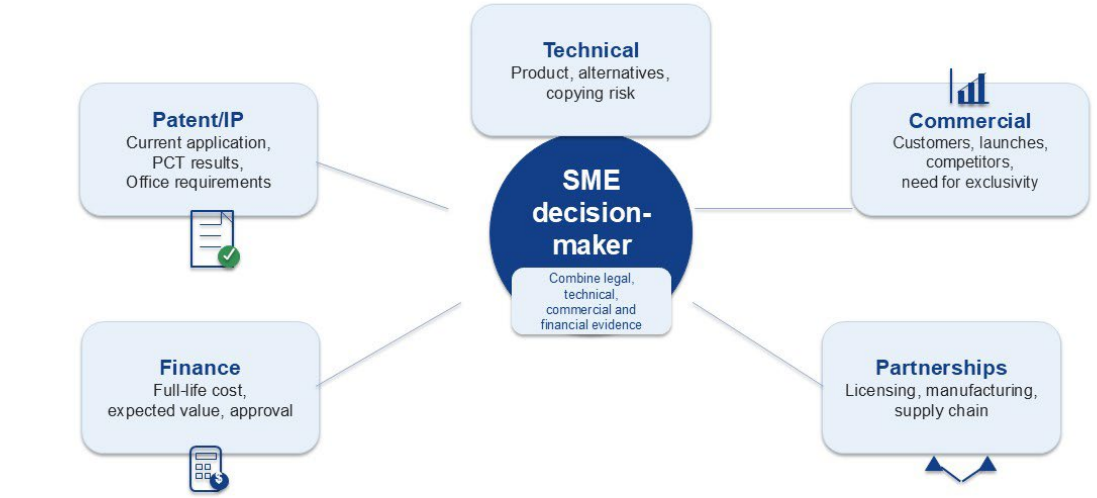
You need to keep in mind strategic business issues. How valuable might each market be to you going forward? How vulnerable to competitors will you be if you don’t have a patent there?

You also need to assess the potential pros and cons of each national or regional patent system. For example, what sort of filing and maintenance costs would you incur? Would you need to translate documents? Might patentability of your subject matter be an issue?

Who? *Bring the right people and evidence together*

To ensure all these issues are considered, all relevant legal, technical, commercial and financial evidence should be in front of the decision-maker at the same time; the decision should not be guided by patent counsel alone. Depending on the size and structure of your business, this may engage multiple colleagues. Figure 1 and Table 1 set out the different perspectives needed.

Figure 1: Perspectives needed in deciding where to protect your invention



The applicant makes the final decision, but the review should bring legal, technical, commercial and financial perspectives together.

Table 1: Information needed in deciding where to protect your invention

Information to gather	Who can provide it?
Current application and PCT results	Patent adviser or IP coordinator: current claims, the International Search Report, written opinion, any amendments and Office-specific requirements. Ease of prosecution and legal enforcement in each territory.
Technical and competitive position	Inventor or technical lead: the product or process to be commercialized, alternative technologies, and how easily competitors could copy or design around it.
Commercial case	Product, marketing and sales leads: customers, market size and direction, launch plans, competitors, and how much of the total market each candidate represents. In addition, costs of protection for fees, translations and legal representation. Possibility of using Office worksharing to reduce costs, such as the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH), regional agreements, validations, extensions, post-grant acceptance.
Licensing, manufacturing and partnerships	Relevant business leads: manufacturing and supply-chain locations, possible licensees, cross-licensing value, and any prospect of selling the patent right.
Budget and approval	Finance and the final decision-maker: available budget, other inventions competing for the same funds, expected value, and approval of the final shortlist.

When? *Start the review before the legal deadline and use PCT flexibility*

With a PCT filing, the time limit for pursuing protection with national or regional Offices that you have designated in your application is usually 30 or 31 months from the priority date. However, exceptions exist, so confirm the current deadline and entry requirements for every Office you are considering (you can find these requirements in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*). In scheduling your review process, allow adequate time to gather information and consult all relevant colleagues so you can provide instructions for counsel when requested before the legal deadline. For example, you could update the file around month 26 from the priority date, circulate the recommendation around month 28, and complete the necessary procedures before the applicable national-phase time limits. Figure 2 and Table 2 set out what is involved at each stage.

Entering the national phase in all your chosen markets need not happen on the same day. In addition to the different deadlines for entering the national phase, you may wish to consider early national-phase entry before the legal deadline in one or several countries or regions, for example to obtain early grant for marketing approval or to use further work-sharing and accelerated examination opportunities such as PCT-PPH. When you have entered the national phase, you may also consider any options available for accelerated processing at the relevant Office.

Figure 2: When should your national phase review start?

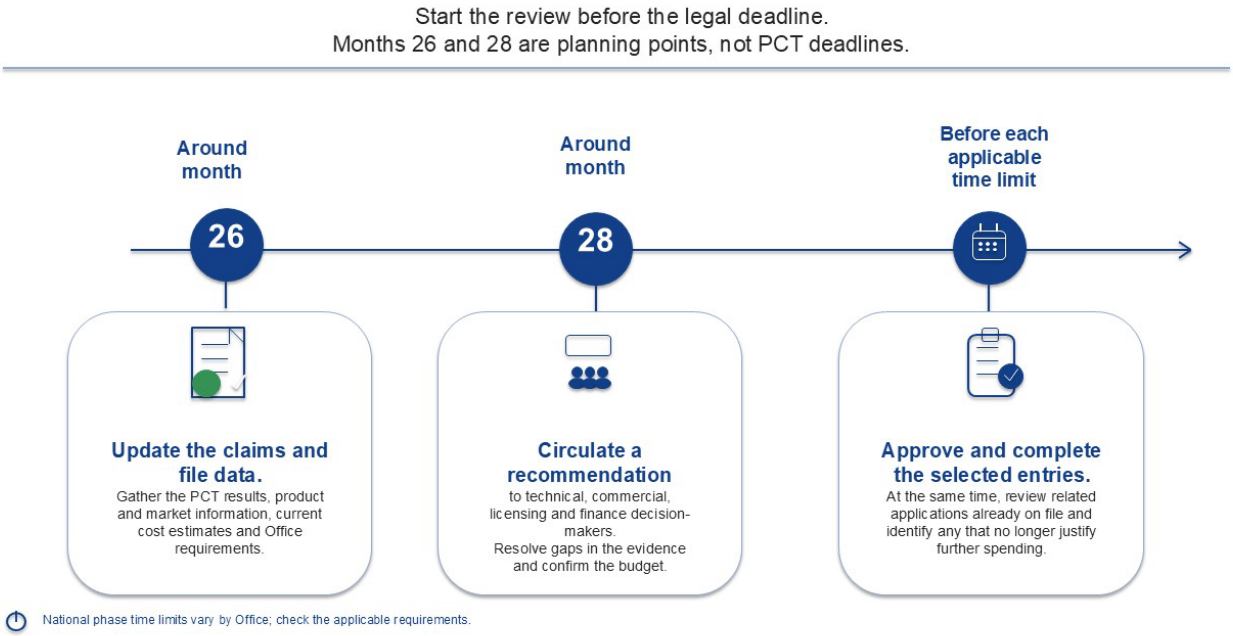


Table 2: Possible planning points and actions

Planning point	Action
Around month 26	Update the claims and file data. Gather the PCT results, product and market information, current cost estimates and Office requirements.
Around month 28	Circulate a recommendation to the technical, commercial, licensing and finance decision-makers. Resolve gaps in the evidence and confirm the budget.
Before each applicable time limit	Approve and complete the selected entries. At the same time, review related applications already on file and identify any that no longer justify further spending.

How to decide? *Compare all your options methodically*

To help ensure objective assessment of all your options, work through them methodically asking the same questions in each case: Table 3 suggests four major factors to consider. Mathematical scoring can also facilitate comparisons:

1. **Choose the criteria.** Separate core criteria that apply to most cases from secondary or technology-specific considerations.
2. **Weight the criteria.** For example, use 4 = very high importance, 3 = high importance, 2 = moderate importance and 1 = low importance.
3. **Score each option.** For example, use 4 = excellent, 3 = good, 2 = fair, 1 = poor and 0 = unsuitable or unavailable, based on current evidence.

4. **Calculate.** Multiply each weight by the score, add the weighted results.
5. **Record and revisit.** Keep the evidence, assumptions, date and decision owner.

A weighted comparison will not make the decision for you, but it forces your team to state what matters and apply the same test to every option. In that vein, it will be for you and your team to decide the exact criteria and weighting that you apply. However, it may make sense to treat the first factor in Table 3 – whether or not there is a business need for exclusive legal rights over the invention – as a separate first question in your analysis, since if you decide you don't need exclusivity in a particular territory, there is no need to weigh up other possible issues.

Table 3: Major factors and questions to consider

Factor	Questions for the decision team
1. Business/commercial need for exclusivity	Why do you need exclusivity in this territory: sales or manufacturing, licensing, sale of the patent right, cross-licensing, or a defensive position? Where are the customers, competitors and manufacturing activities? Is the market growing? How easily and economically could competitors copy or design around the invention, and what would that mean for the business?
2. Initial and long-term costs	What will it cost to enter, translate, use local representatives, prosecute, obtain and maintain the right – and, where relevant, to enforce it? Compare the full-life cost with other inventions competing for the same budget. Use current quotations and Office-specific information because fees, exchange rates and professional costs change.
3. Quality of protection and ability to enforce	For this technology, what protection is available and how useful is it likely to be? Check subject-matter eligibility, expected examination time and quality, provisional protection, opposition or appeal routes, working requirements and available remedies. Ask qualified local counsel about likely enforcement time, cost and practical effectiveness.
4. Return on investment	For licensing or a sale, compare expected revenue with the total investment. Where the patent supports product sales, an exact return may be difficult to isolate; record the assumptions and ask whether the right still supports the product and marketing strategy and justifies continued spending.

Selected WIPO resources

The webpage "Enter the National Phase" brings together many free-to-use resources on this topic, and you can also check the online table "Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase under PCT Chapters I and II". For detailed information, consult the National Phase section of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Key takeaway

Rather than beginning with "how many countries can we afford?", ask "where is exclusivity commercially necessary?" Test each option against its full-life cost, the likely usefulness of the right, and the expected return. Consider all relevant perspectives and evidence in that decision-making process, record the assumptions underlying your decision, and revisit the decision as your business evolves.

Upcoming PCT trainings

Join the distance learning course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT System. The course is free and available in 10 PCT publication languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to

measure your understanding and progress. The whole course takes around 4 hours. After successful completion of all the course modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration for the current session is open until 30 November 2026 via the WIPO Academy website.

Practical Advice

Filing a demand for international preliminary examination

Q: We filed an international application under the PCT and recently received the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA). Unfortunately, some of the results of the international search were unfavorable. Might it be worth filing a demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II? If so, what would this procedure involve?

A: In a nutshell, international preliminary examination is an optional procedure during the international phase which enables you to formally respond to the written opinion of the ISA and make amendments to your international application, instead of filing multiple responses in all the national Offices where you enter the national phase. You do this by filing a demand (Form PCT/IPEA/401) and paying the associated fees to a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA).

International preliminary examination is the only opportunity during the international phase for applicants to substantially interact with an examiner at an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority – albeit within a tight time frame. And it is also the only opportunity for an applicant during the international phase to amend the description and any drawings (PCT Article 34 and Rule 66), have any amendments examined, and submit arguments in response to any findings by the examiner. The applicant can also amend the claims during the international preliminary examination procedure and have them examined, unlike any claims submitted under PCT Article 19 before international publication during the international search procedure.

The right to file a demand (PCT Rule 54)

At the time of filing the demand, there must be at least one applicant who is a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State. The right to file a demand may be lost if, after the international filing date, the original applicant assigned the rights in the application to an applicant who is not a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State bound by Chapter II.[1]

Fees to pay after filing a demand (PCT Rules 57 and 58)

You will need to pay an international preliminary examination fee, the amount of which depends on which competent IPEA you have chosen, and a handling fee of CHF 200 for the International Bureau. Both fees are payable to the IPEA. For exact fee amounts, refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex E. Fees are payable within one month from the date of the filing of the demand or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. Pay the fees as soon as possible as examination will not start before they are paid (PCT Rule 69.1(a)).

[1] Uruguay is not bound by the provisions of Chapter II, having made a declaration to that effect in accordance with PCT Article 64(1)(a).

Why might you choose to file a demand?

As mentioned above, you need to file a demand if you wish to amend the description or drawings of your application. Filing a demand also provides the opportunity to submit formal comments for consideration by the examiner if you do not agree with an objection. It may give you a chance to improve your international application and get a fully positive international report in the international phase, which may be useful for commercial purposes. Whether the potential value to you of international preliminary examination outweighs the costs will depend on the number of Offices where you are interested in entering the national phase and any differences in substantive patent law. In some cases, it may be desirable to wait until the national phase and tailor the amendments and arguments to local laws and practices rather than filing a demand, for example to take into account differences among countries regarding patentable subject matter.

When and where to file

While you may file a demand as late as close to the expiration of 22 months after the priority date, early start means more time for international preliminary examination. You should therefore review the international search results promptly when you receive them – typically around 16 months from the priority date – and decide as soon as possible whether to file a demand. When there is ample time, the examiner may be more inclined to provide you with additional opportunities for exchanges.

Which IPEA you can use, and whether you can choose from among several possible IPEAs or have a single competent IPEA, will be determined by which Receiving Office you used. Some Authorities will, however, serve as an IPEA only when they conducted the international search. Before filing a demand, make sure the IPEA you are interested in is competent to examine your application; the relevant information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C and E.

The procedure

Even if the IPEA concerned does not accept direct filings via ePCT, you can use ePCT to file a demand via the International Bureau (IB), which will direct the submission to the competent IPEA (PCT Rule 59.3). The demand will be considered to have been filed on the date the IB received it, while the one-month period for paying fees runs from the date of receipt by the IPEA.

In the demand form, you need to specify whether the IPEA should base the examination on the application as originally filed, amended under PCT Article 19, and/or amended under PCT Article 34, and attach any relevant amendments.

The IPEA will generally consider the written opinion of the ISA as its own first written opinion (PCT Rule 66.1*bis*(a)); it is not obliged to issue another written opinion in addition to the opinion issued by the ISA before it draws up the report that will conclude international preliminary examination. However, it must take into account any amendments or arguments received before it has started to draw up the report (PCT Rule 66.4*bis*). Practice regarding when an IPEA will issue a further written opinion or the report varies. You are therefore advised to check with the relevant IPEA directly; for some IPEAs, a further written opinion will be issued if you have filed a substantive response to the written opinion of the ISA and further objections need to be

raised. However, if you do not know whether the IPEA is willing to issue a further written opinion, you should request an interview at the time of filing the demand to ensure at least one exchange with the examiner.

The IPEA will also conduct a mandatory "top-up search" to discover relevant prior art documents that have been published or become available to the IPEA after the date on which the international search report was established (PCT Rule 66.1*ter*). Where such further prior art is used for objections, the applicant must be given the chance to comment.

Note that the IPEA is only obliged to examine the claims searched by the ISA. If no search has been established with respect to all claims (PCT Article 17(2)(a), filing a demand will add no value.

At the end of the examination, the IPEA will establish the international preliminary report on patentability, Chapter II (IPRP II), also referred to as the international preliminary examination report (IPER). While national Offices are not bound by the findings, a favorable report will usually facilitate national processing and allow accelerated processing before Offices participating in a Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) agreement.

Further information can be found in the Practical Advice in the following issues of the *PCT Newsletter*:

- 02/2026: Submitting amendments under PCT Article 34 after filing a demand for international preliminary examination
- 09/2021: Requesting accelerated national phase processing of an international application
- 09/2020: Access by third parties to information in the file of the international preliminary examination
- 06/2019: The timing of the start of the international preliminary examination (following the amendment to PCT Rule 69.1(a))
- 04/2010 and 05/2010: Factors to be considered when deciding whether or not to file a demand for international preliminary examination (Parts I and II)

Please also refer to the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Introduction to the International Phase, Chapter 10, for a detailed description of the Chapter II procedure.

PCT Newsletter readers are welcome to suggest questions for future Practical Advice articles. We cannot promise to cover every suggested topic, but we always give your ideas careful consideration. Please send feedback to: pct.newsletter@wipo.int

PCT Seminar Calendar

(situation as at 25 September 2026)

Date and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers	Organizer and contact details
30 September – 1 October 2026 Geneva (CH)	English	Advanced PCT seminar held at WIPO headquarters. For experienced PCT users WIPO speakers: to be announced	More information and program
5 October 2026 Switzerland (CH)	German	Lecture on the latest developments concerning the PCT (CEIPI course) WIPO speaker: Mr. Thomas Henninger, Senior Legal Information Officer, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Center for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI) (Dr. Alexandra Dieter) E-mail: alexandra.dieter@tswpat.ch
23 October 2026 Heidelberg (DE)	German/ English	Discussion of the PCT System within the framework of the 9th *Heidelberger PAFA-FORUM* conference (22–23 October) WIPO speaker: Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Forum Institut für Management GmbH (Ms. Janina Bätge) Email: service@forum-institut.de Tel: (49) 6221 500 500 More information (in German)
27 October 2026 Changchun (CN) **29 October 2026** Nanjing (CN)	Chinese/ English	Advanced roving seminars on the PCT. WIPO speakers: Ms. Loreto Bresky, Senior Director, PCT Legal and International Affairs Department; Mr. Yu Zhilong, Head of PCT User Resources Section, PCT Legal and User Relations Division; Mr. Lu Jia, PCT Consultant, PCT Legal and User Relations Division CNIPA speakers: to be announced.	China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) (Ms. Wu Yifan) Tel: (86-10) 62 08 30 97 Email: wuyifan_1@cnipa.gov.cn More information
18–20 November 2026 Cologne (DE)	German/ English	Presentation on the latest developments in the PCT System within the framework of the 16th *PAFA-Tagung* conference WIPO PCT speaker: Mr. Reischle-Park Other WIPO speakers on other IP topics: Ms. Silke Weiss, Senior Legal Officer, Hague Legal Affairs Section, Hague Legal and Treaty Promotion Division; Mr. Qiangqiang Li, Coordinator, Madrid Operations Service, Madrid Operations Division	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 Email: info@ipforip.de More information (in German)

PCT Webinars			
Date and time	**Language of webinar**	**Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers**	**Registration**
29 September 2026 online 10:00–14:20 CEST	Russian	Regional webinar for Central Asian, Caucasus and Eastern European Countries (CACEEC): "Women innovators and the benefits of the PCT" WIPO speakers: Mr. Ilya Gribkov, Head of the Section for the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe, Division for Transition and Developed Countries; Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division. Other speakers: Dr. Tursunai Bektemirova, Researcher, M.M. Adyshev Institute of Geology, National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Director, Ger-Eco Scientific and Technical Center; Dr. Nigar Kamilova, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor, Azerbaijan Medical University and General Director of "Healthy Generation", Azerbaijan; Dr. Raisa Litvinovskaya, Chief Researcher, Doctor of Chemical Sciences and Professor, Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.	More information Register
15 October 2026 online 10:00–13:35 CEST	Russian	CACEEC regional webinar: "PCT System: how to create an account in ePCT; how to manage access rights; how to upload requests or amendments to a PCT application after filing – live demonstration" WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova; Ms. Olga Ivashchenko, Client Advisor, PCT Operations Division	More information Register
12 November 2026 online 10:00–14:05 CEST	Russian/ English* *(There will be Russian interpretation for English content)	CACEEC regional webinar: "PCT System: entry into the national phase" WIPO speakers: Ms. Krysanova. Other speakers: Mr. Hayata Kawano, Japan Patent Office; Mr. John Omiti, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO); Mr. Ayouba Idi, African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI); Mr. Dmitry Rogozhin, Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO); Ms. Gisela Aparecida Silva Nogueira, National Institute of Industrial Property, Brazil; a representative from Rospatent, Russian Federation.	Register

Other events		
12–13 October 2026 hybrid	**Seminar on Standard Essential Patents:** *Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together?* An intensive two-day seminar from WIPO bringing together practitioners, judges, policymakers and other experts to discuss litigation, alternative dispute resolution and the global dynamics of SEP dispute resolution.	More information Register

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 September 2026, 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 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	Kyrgyz 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
UYI	Indexed Units (UI)
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 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,362	27	–	355	533	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 260	**BRL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,220	130	–	1,690	2,530	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,000	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

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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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 160	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 100	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 517,500	5,800	–	77,800	116,700	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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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]	
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000[18]	JPY 264,900	3,000	–	–	59,800	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000[19]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,264.80	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL –[11]	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	LYD –[11]	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
MN	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,428	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 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87[21] (natural persons) USD 375.50[21] (legal persons)	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550[22]	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,700	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF 50,000	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.85 on paper: 25.69	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	EG EP SA US
RO	RON 508	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	RSD 10,320[23]	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	RUB 2,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	SAR 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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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]	
SG	**SGD** 150	**SGD** 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	**EUR** 91	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	none	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	**SYP** 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU
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** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	**UAH** (or eq **EUR** or **USD**)[25] 2,600	**USD** (or eq **UAH** or **EUR**) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	**UGX** refer to Office	**UGX** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT EP SG
US	**USD** 285[26] small entity:[27] 114[26] micro entity:[27] 57[26]	**USD** 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	**UYU** eq **UYI** 672.62[28]	**UYU** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	**UZS** 245,000[29]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	**VND** 300,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	**SAT** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	**ZAR** 525	**ZAR** 26,800	300	–	4,030	6,040	AT AU EP US
ZM	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	**ZWD** 6,000	**ZWD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[30]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **KRW** 3,250,000 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800 *(From 1.11.2026: **KRW** 2,989,000)*
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,239 **EUR** 1,351 **KRW** 2,268,000 **NZD** 2,664 **SGD** 2,016 **USD** 1,555 **ZAR** 25,050
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 375 **EUR** 436 **USD** 513 *(From 1.10.2026: **CHF** 400)*
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity[2]: **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[31] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 249 **EUR** 266 **USD** 294 *(From 1.10.2026: **USD** 310)*
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 93 **EUR** 106 **USD** 116 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 84 **EUR** 93 **USD** 104)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 415 **EUR** 472 **USD** 516 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 373 **EUR** 411 **USD** 462)*
EG[32]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 64 **EUR** 70 **USD** 80
EP[33]	**AUD** 3,210 **EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **CNY** 14,870 **DKK** 14,080 **GBP** 1,632 **HUF** 670,800 **ISK** 273,600 **JPY** 345,900 **NOK** 20,280 **NZD** 3,717 **SEK** 19,950 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800
ES[33]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
FI	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
IL	**ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,170 **EUR** 1,241 **USD** 1,446
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 84 **EUR** 90 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 104 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 21 **EUR** 22 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 26
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 718 **EUR** 765 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 896 *(From 1.11.2026: **KRW** 1,268,000)* For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 848 **EUR** 904 **SGD** 1,358 **USD** 1,059
KR[35]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 437 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 255 **NZD** 501 **SGD** 384 **USD** 294 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 258 **EUR** 275 **NZD** 539* ***SGD** 419 **USD** 325)* For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,166 **CHF** 636 **EUR** 679 **NZD** 1,336 **SGD** 1,024 **USD** 783 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 688 **EUR** 733 **NZD** 1,436* ***SGD** 1,117 **USD** 867)*
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 93 **EUR** 106 **USD** 116 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 84 **EUR** 93 **USD** 104)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 467 **EUR** 531 **USD** 580 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 420 **EUR** 463 **USD** 520)*
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 19,950 **CHF** 1,734 **DKK** 14,080 **EUR** 1,885 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 20,280 **USD** 2,237
SG	**SGD** 2,350 ***AUD** 2,643* **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 292,300 **KRW** 2,765,000 **USD** 1,816 *(From 1.11.2026: **KRW** 2,525,000)*

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 September 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
TR	**TRY** 97,060 **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 **USD** 2,237
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 38,300 For a small entity:[27] **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 15,320 For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 7,660
XN	**EUR** 1,885 **DKK** 14,080 **CHF** 1,734 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 20,280 **SEK** 19,950 **USD** 2,237
XV	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **HUF** 670,800 **USD** 2,237

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 September 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee[2, 37]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: **CHF** 792 – for a search of European and North American documentation: **CHF** 1,109 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 1,584	**CHF** 200
EP	**CHF** 1,734[33] **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
FI	**CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
RU	**CHF** 125 *(From 1.11.2026:* ***CHF*** *112)* **CHF** 197[38] *(From 1.11.2026:* ***CHF*** *177)*	**CHF** 200
SE	**CHF** 1,734	**CHF** 200
SG	**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **TRY** 97,060 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: **CHF** 10	**CHF** 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 84 – 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** 65 – 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	**CHF** 200
XN	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: **CHF** 499	**CHF** 200
XV	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: **CHF** 512	**CHF** 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

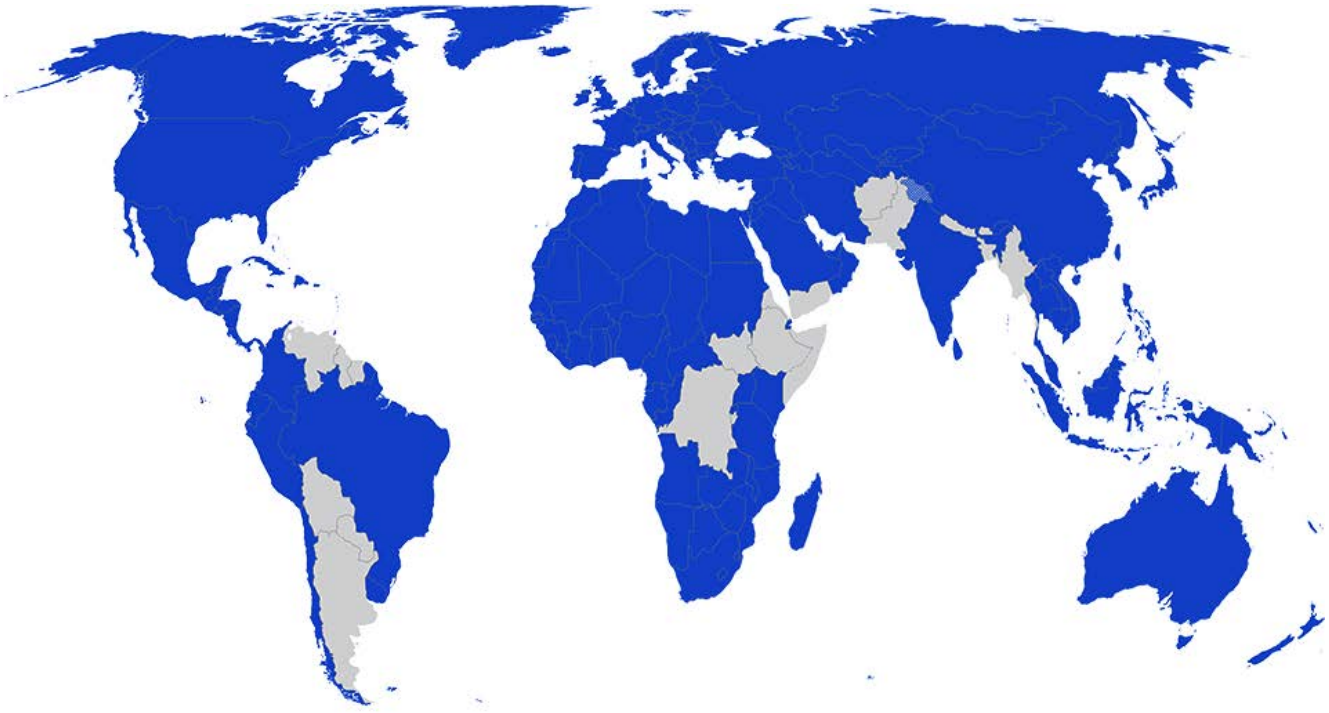
(amounts on 1 September 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 355
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
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:[31] **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,690
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 2,010[33]	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[33]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,801	**ILS** 755
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** 251
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 377,000 *(From 1.11.26: 349,000)*
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[41] 7,000[42] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[41] 26,000[42]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[43] For a small entity:[27] **USD** 282 352[43] For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 141 176[43]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026); however, they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial
29 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
30 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).
31 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
32 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".
33 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
34 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
35 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.
36 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.
37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
38 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).
39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
42 In all cases where note 41 does not apply.
43 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 (159 on 1 September 2026)



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
BS Bahamas
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 (EP)[5]
ME Montenegro (EP)[2]
MG Madagascar
MK North Macedonia (EP)
ML Mali (OA)[2]
MN Mongolia
MR Mauritania (OA)[2]
MT Malta (EP)[2]
MT Mauritius (AP)
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
SD Sudan (AP)
SE Sweden (EP)
SG Singapore
SI Slovenia (EP)[2]
SK Slovakia (EP)
SL Sierra Leone (AP)
SM San Marino (EP)[2]
SN Senegal (OA)[2]
ST Sao Tome and Principe (AP)
SV El Salvador
SY Syrian Arab Republic
SZ Eswatini (AP)[2]
TD Chad (OA)[2]
TG Togo (OA)[2]
TH Thailand
TJ Tajikistan (EA)
TM Turkmenistan (EA)
TN Tunisia[4]
TR Turkey (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 June 2026, validation of a European patent is possible . International applications fi led on or after 1 June 2026 will include the designation of the Republic of Moldova 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 pa rentheses (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 beendesignated 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, 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 to benefit from the most up-to-date PCT data.

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WIPO introduces new sector lead for patents and technology

Laura Peter of the United States begins term as Deputy Director General

WIPO has a new senior management team including a new strategic lead for the Patents and Technology Sector.

Laura Peter began her six-year term as Deputy Director General on 1 October. She is responsible for administering the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) system, the Patent Law Treaty and the Budapest Treaty, among others.

She also takes charge of WIPO's programs relating to the technology sector such as standard essential patents, legislative advice on trade secrets and patents, and the modernization of WIPO's services and architecture for the progressive development of the international patent system.



Image: WIPO/Berrod

Ms. Peter brings extensive experience in patent law, IP administration and the technology sector. Her previous roles include serving as a Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and overseeing IP and technology transfer for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, as well as numerous engagements as a corporate lawyer and legal consultant.

She commented: "A strong global intellectual property system is essential to transforming ideas into technologies that improve lives, strengthen economies, and help address the world's greatest challenges.

"I look forward to working with WIPOs outstanding staff, Member States, intellectual property offices, innovators, universities, and industry to advance WIPO's mission of strengthening IP systems around the world, and ensuring the PCT system is trusted, technically excellent, and efficient in supporting innovation and economic growth."

Also in this issue: Global Innovation Index 2026 published – Global IP Assignment Platform pilot underway – Introducing WIPO Wallet – PCT information update – Special feature: Nobel Prize in Medicine 2026 – Communications from Offices during international preliminary examination

Global Innovation Index 2026 reveals world's most innovative economies

Switzerland heads the ranking once again, but developing countries are rising



WIPO has released the 2026 edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII), its annual analysis of innovation performance.

The report uses 79 indicators to comprehensively evaluate and rank the innovation ecosystems of 139 economies and identify major global innovation trends.

As in 2025, Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, the Republic of Korea and Singapore are once again the world's most innovative economies. No new economy has entered the top 15, and China, in 10th place, is the only middle-income economy in the top 30.

But India (now at number 38), Viet Nam (43), Türkiye (45), the Philippines (52), Morocco (54) and Indonesia (55) continue their long-term move up the rankings, while Saudi Arabia (42), Qatar (47), Mauritius (50), Brazil (53), Jordan (60) and Bahrain (64) have also made sustained advances in recent years.

This year's report includes a special analysis of deep science entrepreneurship – startups and spinouts in fields such as advanced materials, energy science and health technology, where development cycles are typically longer and more capital-intensive than in software and other digital-native industries. The research highlights the critical importance of patenting for such businesses: 49% of deep science startups hold patents, while the rate for other startups is just 15%.

Access the full GII report and explore the data on the WIPO website.

WIPO launches Global IP Assignment Platform pilot

Project underway for new digital service

WIPO has launched the pilot phase of a new digital service for recording changes in the ownership of registered IP rights around the world.

The Global Intellectual Property Assignment Platform (GIPAP) aims to transform the IP assignment process by providing a simpler, faster and more affordable digital service for filing assignments across jurisdictions. The platform will serve as a clearinghouse enabling users to prepare, submit and track assignment filings for multiple IP Offices through a single guided process.

The GIPAP is being developed through extensive consultation with partner IP Offices and other stakeholders. For more information, visit the project webpage.

Current Account at WIPO becomes WIPO Wallet

Secure deposit account offers simplified digital payment for regular service users

WIPO has rebranded the secure deposit account that forms part of its digital payment services.

Current Account at WIPO has officially become WIPO Wallet – a fast, reliable and cost-effective way to pay WIPO fees related to PCT applications as well as other services such as arbitration and mediation.

WIPO Wallet is a deposit account, managed in Swiss Francs, designed to simplify the payment process for customers who regularly carry out transactions with WIPO. Requirements include:

- an initial deposit of CHF 200; and
- at least four transactions per calendar year.

Existing WIPO Current Account holders do not need to take any action. Your account has automatically become a WIPO Wallet. Your funds, balance, and account settings remain unchanged, and all transactions will continue to be processed as usual.

If you regularly file PCT applications with the receiving Office of the International Bureau but do not already have a WIPO Wallet account, consider opening one to benefit from a simpler, more efficient way to manage your payments to WIPO.

Advanced PCT Seminar

WIPO's annual Advanced PCT Seminar was held at the Organization's Geneva headquarters on 30 September and 1 October 2026.

Seasoned PCT users including patent attorneys, paralegals and IP Office professionals joined senior WIPO staff from the PCT team at the International Bureau to review best practices and discuss recent and pending developments in the PCT System. The program included interactive workshops and roundtable sessions to facilitate the exchange of views and experiences.

Topics raised included (among others): requirements for the provision of information in international applications; possible disclosure of information; use of declarations when filing an international application; filing requirements for drawings; possible considerations in choosing a receiving Office; and requirements for signature.

This year's program included a special focus on the national phase in selected Asian patent Offices including the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Ministry of Intellectual Property of the Republic of Korea (MOIP).

Participants were also briefed on several aspects of the ePCT system including filing through DOCX format, and had a guided tour of PCT operations at the International Bureau.

The seminar was an in-person only event and discussions were not recorded, but many of the points covered will feature in upcoming Practical Advice articles in this *Newsletter*. Experienced PCT users are encouraged to join future advanced seminars, and you can also contact WIPO to discuss any specific training requirements.

PCT information update

KZ Kazakhstan (fees)

Since 1 January 2026, several fees payable in Kazakh tenge (KZT) to the National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan) in its capacity as receiving Office have changed:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): .....KZT 10,631.40

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):
— in case of filing by a legal entity .....KZT 2,828.08
— in case of filing by a natural person.....KZT 1,139.28

Since the same date, the Office has also changed the amounts of components of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

For a patent:

Filing fee and fee for formal examination .....KZT 21,045.88
Fee for substantive examination .....KZT 69,350.60
Annual fee for the first three years, per year .....KZT 21,045.88

For a utility model:

Filing fee .....KZT 17,038.08
Annual fee for the first three years, per year .....KZT 17,038.08

In addition, the fee for reinstatement of rights (PCT Rule 49.6(d)(i)) has changed since the same date and is now KZT 32,660.96.

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C and National Chapter, Summary (KZ))

MG Madagascar (Receiving Office functions)

The Industrial Property Office of Madagascar has notified the International Bureau that it will act as receiving Office for applicants who are residents or nationals of Madagascar, with effect from 2 January 2027.

SY Syrian Arab Republic (Office name and contact details)

The name, location and mailing address and website address of the Office have changed and are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Industry General Directorate of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection Rukn Aldeen Facing Ibn Alnafis Damascus Syrian Arab Republic
Website:	https://sit.mitcp.gov.sy

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B (SY))

Search fee and other fees relating to international search (European Patent Organisation)

From 1 December 2026, there will be a change in the equivalent amount payable in Australian dollars (AUD) for international searches carried out by the European Patent Office.

The new amount is indicated in Fee Table I(b).

(Updating of *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex D (EP))

Upcoming PCT trainings

Join the distance learning course: Introduction to the Patent Cooperation Treaty

The WIPO Academy online basic distance learning course on the PCT (DL101PCT) provides an introduction to and general overview of the PCT system. The course is free and available in 10 languages. Learning is through self-study with assessment questions to measure your understanding and progress. After successful completion of all modules, you can download a course certificate. Registration for the current session is open until 30 November 2026 via the WIPO Academy webpage.

Special feature: Eyes on the Prize

Nobel-winning discovery has opened up a new area of innovation and patenting

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026, which was announced on 5 October, highlights once again how scientific curiosity can pave the way for real-world innovation.

Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel were awarded equal shares of the Prize for their path-breaking development of optogenetics, a new technique that uses light to control nerve cells in living systems – including the human brain.

Optogenetics allows researchers to map neural circuits in detail, enhancing understanding and potentially treatment of a huge range of disorders. These wide-ranging practical applications grew out of basic scientific research.

Professor Hegemann became intrigued by the long-standing mystery of how a single-celled alga called *Chlamydomonas* can rapidly detect and swim towards light. He and Professor Nagel isolated a light-sensitive protein in the alga and discovered that it could be introduced genetically into the cells of other living organisms so that those cells would produce an electrical signal when exposed to light.

Professor Deisseroth built on that work, including through collaborations with Hegemann and Nagel, to develop the method now called optogenetics, in which light is used to switch nerve cells off and on, allowing researchers to identify the function of specific neural circuits.

Their shared discoveries have opened the way to an abundance of innovation and patent activity. As of mid-October 2026, a search for "optogenetics" in the PATENTSCOPE database returns more than 7,000 results, including more than 2,000 international applications through the PCT. Two of the Nobel laureates themselves have sought patent protection for numerous inventions: Deisseroth is mentioned as an inventor on 142 applications in various national jurisdictions, mainly the United States, and Hegemann features among the co-inventors in 15 of them. Inventors from around the world are now investigating diverse possible applications of

optogenetics, from treating neurological disorders like Alzheimer's disease to healing wounds, relieving sciatic neuralgia and restoring vision in patients with certain retinal diseases.

For more information about the Prize-winning discoveries, visit the Nobel Prize website.

Practical Advice

Communications usually received from Offices during the international preliminary examination procedure under Chapter II of the PCT

Q: What communications might an applicant expect to receive when they file a demand for international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II, assuming there are no formality defects or issues relating to unity of invention?

A: Last month's Practical Advice outlined the main features of the international preliminary examination procedure under Chapter II of the PCT. We noted that this is an optional procedure during the international phase which, in exchange for payment of the associated fees, offers a chance to formally reply to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA) if the results of the international search are unfavorable, to amend the application and to have any amendments (including amendments to the claims already made under PCT Article 19) examined.

It is the only opportunity during the international phase for applicants to interact with the examiner at an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. However, the time frame for such interaction is tight, so to ensure that you maximize the benefit from this procedure you need to carefully monitor any communications you receive, review them promptly, and in some situations be proactive.

The number and type of communications you receive may vary for each application, but in ordinary circumstances, when no formality defects are found, you may expect to receive the following.

PCT/IB/368 Notification of transmittal of demand to the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority [IPEA]

As explained in last month's Practical Advice, a demand for international preliminary examination is filed using Form PCT/IPEA/401. If the IPEA you are using does not accept direct filings via ePCT, you can use ePCT to file a demand via the International Bureau (IB) (PCT Rule 59.3). In such a case, you will need to make sure you receive this notification.

For those rare cases where a translation is required specifically for international preliminary examination, the procedure is outlined in PCT Rule 12.4.

PCT/IPEA/402 Notification of receipt of demand by competent International Preliminary Examining Authority
PCT/IPEA/403 Notification concerning payment of the preliminary examination and handling fees

The IPEA will notify the applicant when it has received the demand (PCT Rule 61.1(b)) and whether the due fees (Rules 57 and 58) have been paid. These notifications are usually issued within the first month after filing the demand. Examination will not start until fees are paid (PCT Rule 69.1(a)), and you need to ensure they are paid promptly so that you can gain full benefit from the international preliminary examination in the limited time available.

PCT/IB/332 Information concerning elected Offices notified of their election

The designated States where the demand for international preliminary examination has effect are called "elected" Offices.[1] The International Bureau will notify the elected Offices of their election (using Form PCT/IB/331; PCT Article 31(7)) and will also notify the applicant (PCT Rule 61.3).

The IB will send the IPEA a copy of any Article 19 amendments (attached to Form PCT/IB/337), if it has any on file.

PCT/IPEA/408 Written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority

This notification is only received in cases where the IPEA issues a written opinion in addition to the written opinion of the ISA before it issues the international preliminary report on patentability, Chapter II (IPRP II). The IPEA may issue further written opinions taking into account arguments or amendments made by the applicant in response to a previous written opinion (PCT Rule 66.4). The IPEA is not obliged to issue a written opinion in addition to the opinion issued by the ISA before it draws up the report, as the ISA's written opinion is considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA unless the IPEA has notified the IB otherwise (PCT Rule 66.1*bis*).

PCT/IPEA/429 Notification concerning informal communication with the applicant – together with
PCT/IPEA/428 Note on informal communication with the applicant

Where the IPEA has communicated informally with the applicant it may issue this notification (PCT Rule 66.6).

PCT/IPEA/432 Communication regarding amendments not taken into account

Where the applicant has submitted amendments or arguments but the IPEA receives them after it has begun to draw up the written opinion or report and therefore does not take them into account, it may issue this notification (PCT Rule 66.4*bis*).

PCT/IPEA/416 Notification of transmittal of international preliminary report on patentability – together with
PCT/IPEA/409 International preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II)

The applicant receives the results of international preliminary examination at about 28 months (PCT Article 36, PCT Rules 70 and 71). PCT Rule 70 contains detailed information as to the content of the report and its annexes (replacement sheets and letters are annexed to the report).

The IPEA forwards to the IB a copy of the report and the examination-related documents on file, such as any written opinion by the IPEA, amendments, arguments and replacement sheets to be made publicly accessible on PATENTSCOPE at 30 months from the priority date on behalf of the elected Offices. The applicant may prevent public access by withdrawing the demand before the IB receives the report.

[1] Uruguay is not bound by the provisions of Chapter II, having made a declaration to that effect in accordance with PCT Article 64(1)(a).

PCT/IB/338 Notification of transmittal of copies of translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I or Chapter II)

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Date and location	Language of seminar	Nature of seminar; WIPO speakers	Organizer and contact details
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18–20 November 2026 Cologne (DE)	German/ English	Presentation on the latest developments in the PCT System within the framework of the 16th *PAFA-Tagung* conference WIPO PCT speaker: Mr. Matthias Reischle-Park, Deputy Director, PCT Legal and User Relations Division	Intellectual Property for Intellectual People (IP for IP) GmbH (Ms. Monika Huppertz) Tel: (49-0) 6201 392 33-00 Email: info@ipforip.de More information (in German)

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Date and time	Language of webinar	Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers	Registration
28 October 2026 online 07:30–10:00 CET	English	As part of IP India's National IP Awareness Mission (NIPAM), this webinar for startups, innovators, entrepreneurs, academics and stakeholders in India will introduce the PCT System, possible fee reductions and ePCT. With presenters from WIPO and the Indian Patent Office.	More information

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Date and time	**Language of webinar**	**Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers**	**Registration**
12 November 2026 online 10:00–14:05 CET	Russian/ English* *(There will be Russian interpretation for English content)	CACEEC regional webinar: "PCT System: entry into the national phase" WIPO speakers: Ms. Christine Bonvallet, Director, PCT International Cooperation Division; Mr Pavel Spitsyn, Director, WIPO Office in the Russian Federation; Ms. Olga Krysanova, Program Officer, PCT International Cooperation Division. Other speakers: Mr. Hayata Kawano, Japan Patent Office; Mr. John Omiti, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO); Mr. Ayouba Idi, African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI); Mr. Dmitry Rogozhin, Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO); Ms. Gisela Aparecida Silva Nogueira, National Institute of Industrial Property, Brazil; Ms. Margarita Agarkova, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent), Russian Federation.	Register

PATENTSCOPE Webinars			
Date and time	**Language of webinar**	**Nature of webinar; WIPO speakers**	**Registration**
26 November 2026 online 17:30–18:15 CET	Spanish	The AI assistant in PATENTSCOPE Speaker: Ms. Sandrine Ammann, Marketing and Communications Officer, Global Databases Division	Register

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Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

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

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 October 2026, 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** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
AP	**USD** 100 (or eq in local currency)	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP SE
AT	**EUR** 52	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
AU	**AUD** none	**AUD** 2,362	27	–	355	533	AU KR
AZ	**AZN** 30	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
BA	**BAM** 60	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
BG	**EUR** 40.90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
BH	**BHD** 70	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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] 260	**BRL** eq **CHF** 1,330	eq **CHF** 15	–	eq **CHF** 200	eq **CHF** 300	AT BR CL EP SE US
BW	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
BY	**BYN** 110.25	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
BZ	**BZD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	CA EP
CA	**CAD** 446.03	**CAD** 2,327	26	–	350	525	CA
CH	**CHF** 100	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	EP
CL	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 130	**CLP** eq **USD**[9] 1,667	eq **USD**[9] 19	–	eq **USD**[9] 251	eq **USD**[9] 376	BR CL EP ES KR US
CN	**CNY** none	**CNY** 11,220	130	–	1,690	2,530	CN EP[10]
CO	**COP** online: 360,000 on paper: 476,000	**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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
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** –[11]	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	AT BR EP KR

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

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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]	
CY	**EUR** 191	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
CZ	**CZK** 1,500	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
DE	**EUR** 90	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
DJ	**USD** none	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP
DK	**DKK** 950	**DKK** 10,660	120	–	1,600	2,400	EP SE XN
DO	**USD** 360	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES US
DZ	**DZD** 10,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT EP
EA	**RUB** 2,000	**USD** 1,667 or **EUR** 1,428	19 16	– –	251 215	376 322	EA EP RU
EC	**USD** 300	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
EE	**EUR** 120	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
EG	**USD** 142	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP US
EP	**EUR** 160	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
ES	**EUR** 75.75	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP ES
FI	**EUR** 140	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP FI SE
FR	**EUR** 62	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
GB	**GBP** 100	**GBP** 1,242	14	–	187	280	EP
GD	Information not yet available						
GE	**GED** eq **USD**[12] 100	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EP IL RU US
GH	**GHS**[13] 2,500 or 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
GR	**EUR** 115	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HN	**USD** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP ES
HR	**EUR** 26.54	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
HU	**HUF** 15,500	**HUF** 517,500	5,800	–	77,800	116,700	EP XV
IB	**CHF**[14] 100 or **EUR**[14] 107 or **USD**[14] 125	**CHF** 1,330 or **EUR** 1,428 or **USD** 1,667	15 16 19	100 107 125	200 215 251	300 322 376	Refer to footnote 15
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** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
IL	**ILS** 656	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP IL US
IN	Paper filings: **INR** 3,500[16] **INR** 17,600[17] No fee for e-filings	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP IN JP SE US
IQ	**IQD** 77,075 or **USD** 55	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AU CA EG EP TR
IR	**IRR** 500,000 (natural persons) **IRR** 2,500,000 (legal persons)	**IRR** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	CN EP IN RU
IS	**ISK** 20,300	**ISK** 202,400	2,300	–	30,400	45,700	EP SE XN
IT	**EUR** 30.99	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
JM	**JMD** 8,500	**JMD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT AU CA EP

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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]	
JO	JOD 100	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU EP US
JP	JPY 17,000[18]	JPY 264,900	3,000	–	–	59,800	EP IN JP SG
KE	USD 250 or KES 5,000 plus cost of mailing	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT AU CN EP SE
KG	KGS 4,000[19]	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
KH	KHR 420,000	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	CN EP JP KR SG
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	100	–	300	AT AU JP[20] KR SG
KZ	KZT 10,631.40	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	EA EP RU
LR	USD 50	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP SE
LS	LSL –[11]	LSL eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	–	–	AT EP
LT	EUR 92	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
LU	EUR 19	EUR 1,428	16	–	–	–	EP
LV	EUR 70	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
LY	LYD –[11]	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 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
MK	MKD 2,700	MKD eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	EP
MN	none	CHF 1,330	15	–	–	–	EP KR RU
MT	EUR 55	EUR 1,428	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 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP
MX	USD 93.87[21] (natural persons) USD 375.50[21] (legal persons)	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US
MY	MYR 550[22]	MYR eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AU EP JP KR
NI	USD 200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP ES
NL	EUR 50	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
NO	NOK 800	NOK 15,700	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN
NZ	NZD 207	NZD 2,864	32	–	431	646	AU EP KR US
OA	XAF 50,000	XAF eq CHF 1,330	eq CHF 15	–	eq CHF 200	eq CHF 300	AT EP RU SE
OM	OMR 40	OMR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT AU EG EP SA US
PA	USD 240	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	BR CL EP ES US
PE	PEN 233.35	PEN eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	AT BR CL EP ES KR US
PG	PGK 250	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	AU
PH	PHP 4,200	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	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: 12.85 on paper: 25.69	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
QA	QAR 400	QAR eq USD 1,667	eq USD 19	–	eq USD 251	eq USD 376	EG EP SA US
RO	RON 508	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP RU
RS	RSD 10,320[23]	EUR 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
RU	RUB 2,000	USD 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU SA
RW	Information not yet available						
SA	USD 100	SAR 6,250	70	–	940	1,410	CA CN EG EP JP KR RU SA SG US
SC	USD –[11]	USD 1,667	19	–	–	–	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 15,680	180	–	2,360	3,540	EP SE XN

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

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				Item 4(a)[5]	Item 4(b)[6]	Item 4(c)[7]	
SG	**SGD** 150	**SGD** 2,156	24	–	324	486	AT AU EP JP KR SG
SI	**EUR** 91	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP
SK	none	**EUR** 1,428	16	–	215	322	EP XV
SV	none[24]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	CL EP ES
SY	**SYP** 5,000	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT EG EP RU
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** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EA EP RU
TM	**USD** –[11]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	–	–	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** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT CL EP SE SG US
UA	**UAH** (or eq **EUR** or **USD**)[25] 2,600	**USD** (or eq **UAH** or **EUR**) 1,667	19	–	–	–	EP UA
UG	**UGX** refer to Office	**UGX** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	AT EP SG
US	**USD** 285[26] small entity:[27] 114[26] micro entity:[27] 57[26]	**USD** 1,667	19	125	251	–	AU EP IL JP KR PH SG US
UY	**UYU** eq **UYI** 672.62[28]	**UYU** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	eq **USD** 251	eq **USD** 376	BR CL EP ES JP
UZ	**UZS** 245,000[29]	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP RU
VN	**VND** 300,000	**CHF** 1,330	15	–	200	300	AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG
WS	**SAT** 200	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	EP PH
ZA	**ZAR** 525	**ZAR** 26,800	300	–	4,030	6,040	AT AU EP US
ZM	**USD** 50	**USD** 1,667	19	–	251	376	AT SE
ZW	**ZWD** 6,000	**ZWD** eq **USD** 1,667	eq **USD** 19	–	–	–	AT AU CN EP RU

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
AT[30]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **KRW** 3,250,000 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800 *(From 1.11.2026: **KRW** 2,989,000)*
AU	**AUD** 2,200 **CHF** 1,239 **EUR** 1,351 **KRW** 2,268,000 **NZD** 2,664 **SGD** 2,016 **USD** 1,555 **ZAR** 25,050
BR[8]	**BRL** 2,510 **CHF** 400 **EUR** 436 **USD** 513
CA	**CAD** 2,380.26 **CHF** 1,360 **EUR** 1,460 **USD** 1,705
CL	**USD** 2,000 **CHF** 1,596 **EUR** 1,713 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity:[2] **USD** 400 **CHF** 319 **EUR** 343 In case of filing by a university[31] **USD** 300 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 257
CN	**CNY** 2,100 **CHF** 249 **EUR** 266 **USD** 310
EA	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 93 **EUR** 106 **USD** 116 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 84 **EUR** 93 **USD** 104)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 40,000 **CHF** 415 **EUR** 472 **USD** 516 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 373 **EUR** 411 **USD** 462)*
EG[32]	**EGP** 4,000 **CHF** 64 **EUR** 70 **USD** 80
EP[33]	**AUD** 3,210 **EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **CNY** 14,870 **DKK** 14,080 **GBP** 1,632 **HUF** 670,800 **ISK** 273,600 **JPY** 345,900 **NOK** 20,280 **NZD** 3,717 **SEK** 19,950 **SGD** 2,842 **USD** 2,237 **ZAR** 35,800 *(From 1.12.2026: **AUD** 3,035)*
ES[33]	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
FI	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **USD** 2,237
IL	**ILS** 4,203 **CHF** 1,170 **EUR** 1,241 **USD** 1,446
IN	**INR** 10,000 **CHF** 84 **EUR** 90 **JPY** 16,900 **USD** 104 In case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution: **INR** 2,500 **CHF** 21 **EUR** 22 **JPY** 4,200 **USD** 26
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 143,000 **CHF** 718 **EUR** 765 **KRW** 1,356,000 **USD** 896 *(From 1.11.2026: **KRW** 1,268,000)* For IAs in English: **JPY** 169,000 **CHF** 848 **EUR** 904 **SGD** 1,358 **USD** 1,059
KR[35]	For IAs in Korean: **KRW** 450,000 **AUD** 437 **CHF** 239 **EUR** 255 **NZD** 501 **SGD** 384 **USD** 294 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 258 **EUR** 275 **NZD** 539* ***SGD** 419 **USD** 325)* For IAs in English: **KRW** 1,200,000 **AUD** 1,166 **CHF** 636 **EUR** 679 **NZD** 1,336 **SGD** 1,024 **USD** 783 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 688 **EUR** 733 **NZD** 1,436* ***SGD** 1,117 **USD** 867)*
PH	**USD** 600 **CHF** 479 **EUR** 514 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 200 **CHF** 160 **EUR** 171
RU	For searches carried out in Russian: **RUB** 9,000 **CHF** 93 **EUR** 106 **USD** 116 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 84 **EUR** 93 **USD** 104)* For searches carried out in English: **RUB** 45,000 **CHF** 467 **EUR** 531 **USD** 580 *(From 1.11.2026: **CHF** 420 **EUR** 463 **USD** 520)*
SA	**SAR** 1,000 **CHF** 213 **EUR** 228 **USD** 267
SE	**SEK** 19,950 **CHF** 1,734 **DKK** 14,080 **EUR** 1,885 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 20,280 **USD** 2,237
SG	**SGD** 2,350 ***AUD** 2,643* **CHF** 1,449 **EUR** 1,556 **JPY** 292,300 **KRW** 2,765,000 **USD** 1,816 *(From 1.11.2026: **KRW** 2,525,000)*

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Table I(b) — Search fees *[continued]*

(amounts on 1 October 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Search fee[1]
TR	**TRY** 97,060 **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 **USD** 2,237
UA	For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: **EUR** 100 **CHF** 93 **USD** 117 For IAs in English, French or German: **EUR** 300 **CHF** 280 **USD** 350
US	**USD** 2,400 **CHF** 1,915 **EUR** 2,056 **NZD** 4,124 **ZAR** 38,300 For a small entity:[27] **USD** 960 **CHF** 766 **EUR** 822 **NZD** 1,649 **ZAR** 15,320 For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 480 **CHF** 383 **EUR** 411 **NZD** 825 **ZAR** 7,660
XN	**EUR** 1,885 **DKK** 14,080 **CHF** 1,734 **ISK** 273,600 **NOK** 20,280 **SEK** 19,950 **USD** 2,237
XV	**EUR** 1,885 **CHF** 1,734 **HUF** 670,800 **USD** 2,237

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees

(amounts on 1 October 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

ISA	Supplementary search fee	Supplementary search handling fee[2, 37]
AT	– for a search of German-language documentation: **CHF** 792 – for a search of European and North American documentation: **CHF** 1,109 – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 1,584	**CHF** 200
EP	**CHF** 1,734[33] **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
FI	**CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885	**CHF** 200
RU	**CHF** 125 *(From 1.11.2026:* ***CHF*** *112)* **CHF** 197[38] *(From 1.11.2026:* ***CHF*** *177)*	**CHF** 200
SE	**CHF** 1,734	**CHF** 200
SG	**CHF** 1,449	**CHF** 200
TR	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **TRY** 97,060 – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: **CHF** 10	**CHF** 200
UA	– for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: **CHF** 84 – 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** 65 – 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	**CHF** 200
XN	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: **CHF** 499	**CHF** 200
XV	– for a full search: **CHF** 1,734 **EUR** 1,885 – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: **CHF** 512	**CHF** 200

Table II — Preliminary examination fees

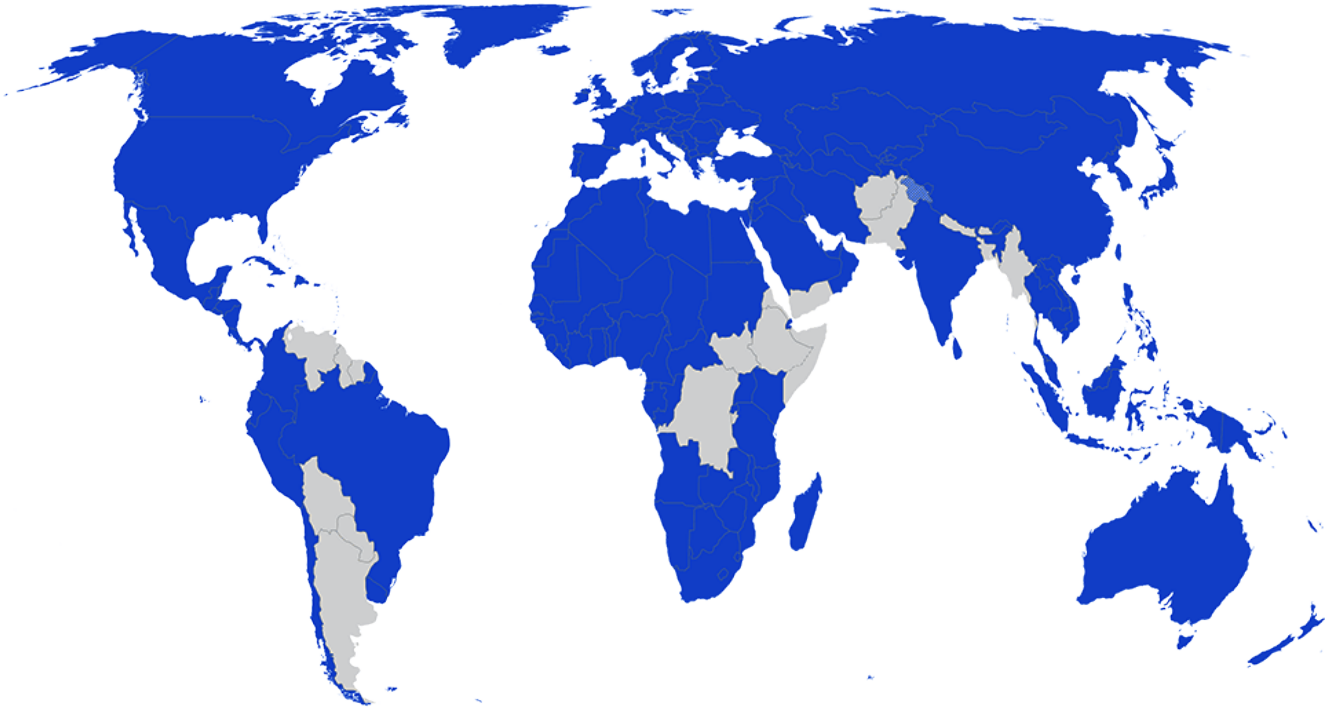
(amounts on 1 October 2026, unless otherwise indicated)

IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 355
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
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:[31] **USD** 300	**USD** 251
CN	**CNY** 1,500	**CNY** 1,690
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** 251
EG	**EGP** 3,000	**USD** 251
EP	**EUR** 2,010[33]	**EUR** 215
ES	**EUR** 595.37[33]	**EUR** 215
FI	**EUR** 690	**EUR** 215
IL	**ILS** 1,801	**ILS** 755
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** 251
JP[34]	For IAs in Japanese: **JPY** 34,000 For IAs in English: **JPY** 69,000	**JPY** 37,700
KR	**KRW** 450,000	**KRW** 377,000 *(From 1.11.26: 349,000)*
PH	**USD** 300 Small entity or government:[36] **USD** 150	**USD** 251
RU	For examination carried out in Russian: **RUB** 5,000[41] 7,000[42] For examination carried out in English: **RUB** 18,000[41] 26,000[42]	**USD** 251
SA	**SAR** 600	**SAR** 940
SE	**SEK** 5,000	**SEK** 2,360
SG	**SGD** 900	**SGD** 324
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** 215
US	**USD** 705 880[43] For a small entity:[27] **USD** 282 352[43] For a micro entity:[27] **USD** 141 176[43]	**USD** 251
XN	**DKK** 5,000	**DKK** 1,600
XV	**EUR** 900	**EUR** 215

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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index. 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% under certain conditions. For further details, refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 10/25 of 9 May 2025.
9 In 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.
10 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 2031. For further details, please refer to the EPO's website at: https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-cnipa-extend-pct-isa-pilot-until-2031 and to the CNIPA's website at: https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2025/9/24/art_53_201732.html
11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
12 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.
13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing fewer than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
14 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index
15 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).
16 The fee for paper filings for natural person(s) or startup(s) or small entity(ies) or educational institution(s).
17 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).
18 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
19 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.
20 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.
21 This fee includes value added tax (VAT) of 16%.
22 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.
23 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
24 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.
25 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%.
26 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.
27 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
28 The Office's fees are established in UYI (Indexed Units (UI)) (Art. 117 of Law on Patents No. 17.164, as amended by Art. 279 of Law No. 20.446, dated 1 January 2026); however, they are payable in UYU and are updated monthly, according to the value of the UI on the first day of each month. Refer to https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-industria-energia-mineria/comunicacion/publicaciones/tasas-precios-direccion-nacional-propiedad-industrial
29 Reductions may apply – for further details refer to the Office's website at: https://my.ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/
30 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).
31 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/en/web/pct-system/fees/index.
32 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".
33 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/en/web/pct-system/guide/index
34 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
35 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.
36 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.
37 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
38 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).
39 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
40 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
41 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
42 In all cases where note 41 does not apply.
43 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 (159 on 1 October 2026)



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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
BS Bahamas
BW Botswana (AP)
BY Belarus (EA)
BZ Belize
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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
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VN Viet Nam
WS Samoa
ZA South Africa
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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 June 2026, validation of a European patent is possible . International applications fi led on or after 1 June 2026 will include the designation of the Republic of Moldova 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.

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