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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.

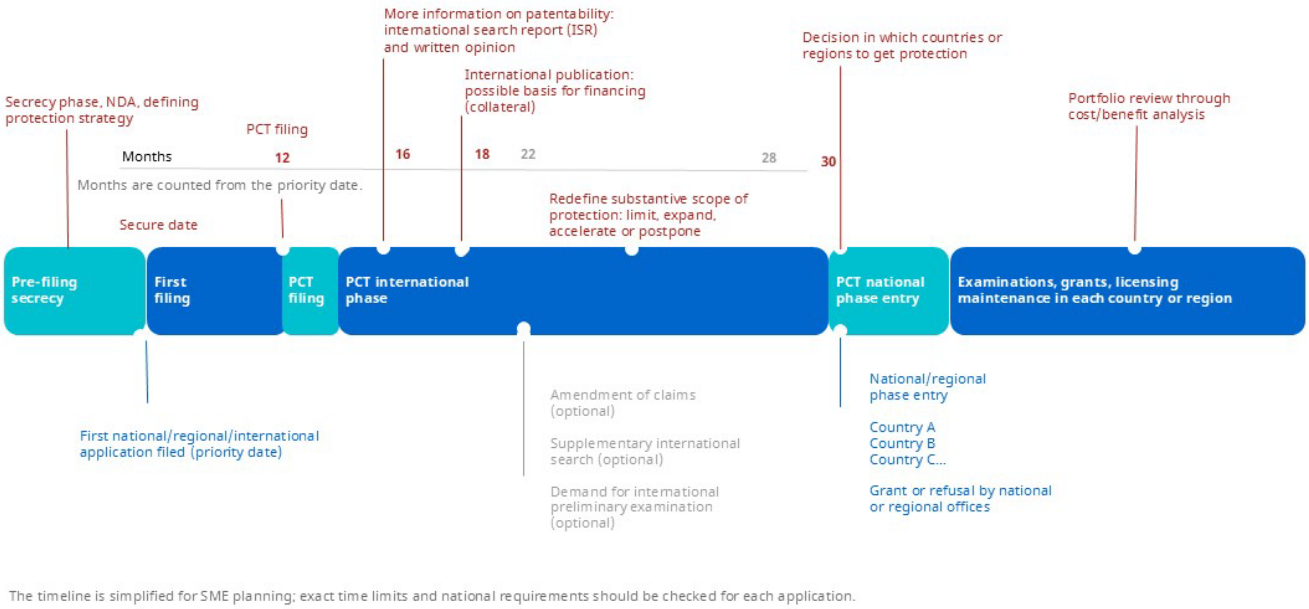
Your PCT application gives you a clear schedule for choosing the territories in which you wish to seek protection. National phase entry can involve significant costs, so in deciding where to seek protection, you need to weigh those costs against the potential commercial benefits of protection in each 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.

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 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

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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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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 *(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

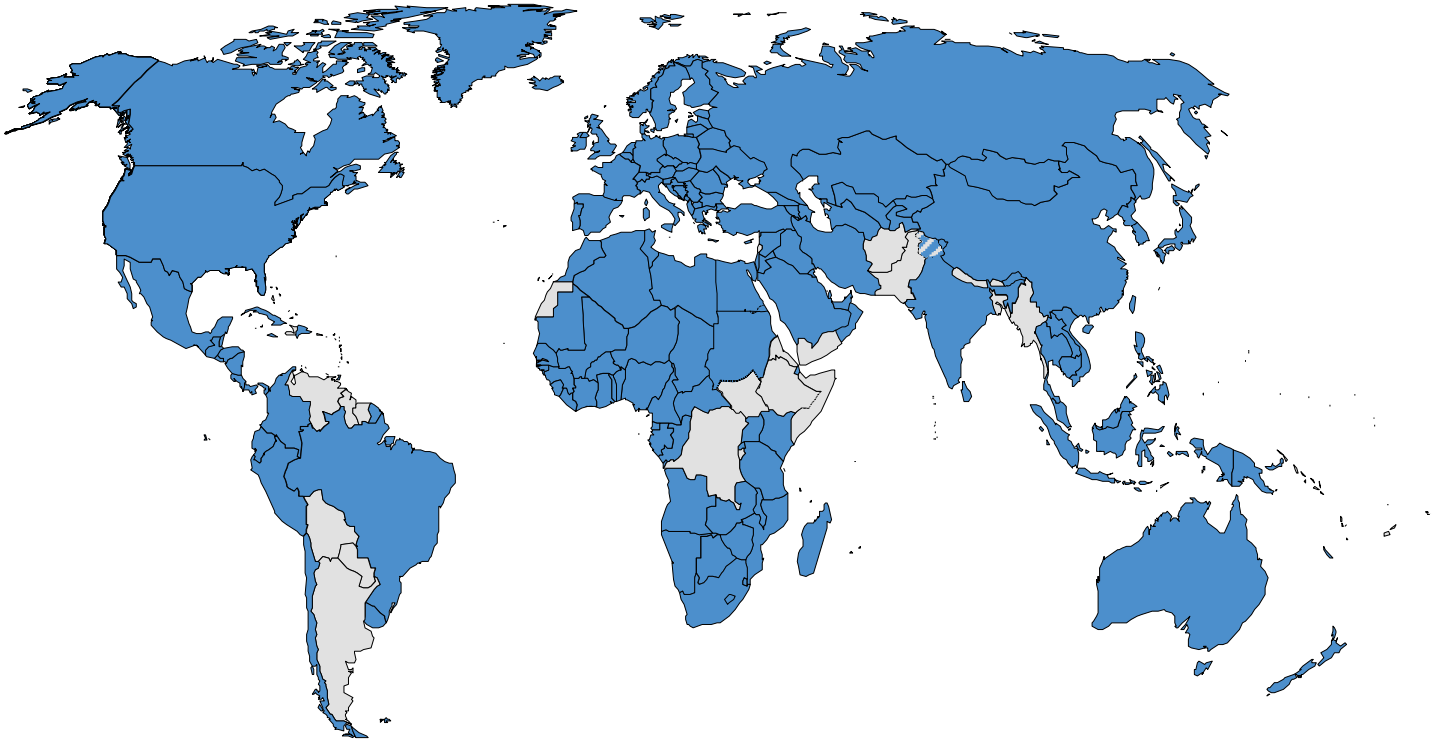
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IPEA	Preliminary examination fee[39]	Handling fee[2, 39] (CHF 200)
AT	**EUR** 1,749[30]	**EUR** 215
AU	**AUD** 590 820[40]	**AUD** 380 *(From 1.7.2026:* *355)*
BR	**BRL** 930[8]	**BRL** eq **CHF** 200
CA	**CAD** 1,190.13	**CAD** 350
CL	**USD** 1,500 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)



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 (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]
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 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.