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Update to Progress Report on Implementation of Fee Reduction Changes

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# Summary

1. The present document provides an update to the progress report on implementation of the new eligibility criteria for reductions in certain fees payable to the International Bureau presented to the tenth session of the Working Group.

# Background

1. The Working Group, at its seventh session in June 2014, agreed on proposed amendments to the PCT Schedule of Fees and on proposed Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees, with a view to their submission to the PCT Assembly for consideration at its September 2014 session. In addition, the Working Group recommended that a progress report on the implementation of the amendments to the PCT Schedule of Fees be made two years after the implementation of the amendments (see document PCT/WG/7/30, paragraphs 98 to 100).
2. This progress report was presented to the tenth session of the Working Group in May 2017 (document PCT/WG/10/20). The report showed the use of the fee reductions in the 18‑month periods before and after the changes, including information concerning the total filings by residents of different States and the number of applications listing only natural persons as applicants. The International Bureau was invited to present an update of the document with more recent statistics to the present session of the Working Group (see paragraphs 115 to 119 of document PCT/WG/10/25).

# Report

1. The Annex to the present document contains tables showing the number of applications filed in the 24 months immediately preceding the change in the eligibility criteria and in the 24 months immediately following the entry into force of the new eligibility criteria, based on the indicated State of residence of the first applicant named in the international application. States which were not indicated as the State of residence of the first applicant on any application filed during this period (including Nauru, Palau and Suriname) are not shown.
2. Compared to the data in document PCT/WG/10/20, the information has been provided in more detail as well as covering a larger timespan.
3. For each State and for each of the two 12‑month periods before and after the change, the tables show:
	* the total number of applications filed where the first applicant is resident in that State;
	* the number of those applications where all the applicants are natural persons and the percentage of the total which this represents; and
	* the number of applications where the first applicant at the time of filing was resident in that State and the 90 per cent fee reduction was granted and the percentage of the total which this represents.
4. In addition, for each State, the tables show:
	* the approximate percentage of applications claiming the reduction for the full 24‑month periods before and after the change are shown (as in document PCT/WG/10/20, this is only an approximation for the reasons indicated in the Annex); and
	* the percentage change in the total number of applications by residents of the State and by natural persons from that State in the 24 months after the change compared to the 24 months before.
5. The tables group the States in the following order:
	* Table A: States whose natural person residents and nationals were eligible for the fee reduction up to June 30, 2015, but not afterwards;
	* Table B: States whose natural person residents and nationals were not eligible for the fee reduction up to June 30, 2015, but became eligible after that date;
	* Table C: States whose natural person residents and nationals were eligible for the fee reduction for the entire period covered;
	* Table D: Least‑developed countries, whose nationals and residents are eligible for the fee reduction whether they are natural persons or not; and
	* Table E: States whose nationals and residents were not eligible for the fee reduction for the entire period (included in the tables for the purposes of comparison of filing trends and proportion of applications by all natural persons).
6. *The Working Group is invited to note the contents of this report.*

[Annex follows]

The following tables show the number of applications filed in the two year periods before and after the changes in eligibility for fee reductions which came into force July 1, 2015. The total numbers of applications, applications by natural persons only and applications where the 90 per cent fee reduction was claimed are shown for the individual 12 month periods prior to the change (y-2 and y-1) and following the change (y+1 and y+2). The percentage of applications from the State which claim the reduction are shown as a proportion over the complete 24 month periods before and after the change. Similarly, the changes in the total number of applications from that State (“Total”) and in the number of applications by natural persons only (“Nat.”) show the percentage increase or decrease in the later 24 month period compared to the earlier one.

Due to data limitations, the figures concerning fee reductions are not properly comparable with the figures concerning total applications and applications by natural persons only. The figures concerning applications claiming fee reductions are based on the indicated residence of the first applicant listed at the time of filing. The figures concerning total applications and applications by natural persons only are based on the indicated residence of the first applicant currently listed. Consequently, the columns for the proportion of applications as a total by residents of the indicated State must be recognized as merely an approximation and can result in apparently anomalous results (such as more than 100 per cent of applications claiming the reduction) in certain cases.

**Table A**

**States whose natural person residents and nationals were eligible for the fee reduction up to June 30, 2015, but not afterwards**

|  |  | **Total Applications** | **Applications by natural persons only** | **Applications claiming fee reduction** | **% of all applications with reduction** | **Change in applications** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ST.3 code, State** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **Before** | **After** | **Total** | **Nat.** |
| AE | United Arab Emirates | 76 | 93 | 81 | 77 | 28 | 22 | 21 | 22 | 29 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 24% | N/A | -7% | -14% |
| SG | Singapore | 925 | 924 | 888 | 899 | 71 | 72 | 25 | 41 | 58 | 62 | 2 | 0 | 6% | N/A | -3% | -54% |

**Table B**

**States whose natural person residents and nationals were
not eligible for the fee reduction up to June 30, 2015, but became eligible after that date**

|  |  | **Total Applications** | **Applications by natural persons only** | **Applications claiming fee reduction** | **% of all applications with reduction** | **Change in applications** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ST.3 code, State** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **Before** | **After** | **Total** | **Nat.** |
| BS | Bahamas | 14 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A | 0% | -43% | -100% |
| CY | Cyprus | 42 | 56 | 55 | 42 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | N/A | 7% | -1% | +13% |
| GR | Greece | 111 | 126 | 114 | 116 | 60 | 62 | 58 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 51 | N/A | 41% | -3% | +2% |
| MT | Malta | 74 | 67 | 79 | 108 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A | 0% | +33% | -40% |
| PT | Portugal | 147 | 160 | 169 | 190 | 21 | 27 | 19 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 24 | N/A | 11% | +17% | +2% |
| SA | Saudi Arabia | 258 | 364 | 277 | 362 | 13 | 21 | 34 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 26 | N/A | 8% | +3% | +135% |
| SI | Slovenia | 127 | 133 | 77 | 69 | 19 | 14 | 19 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 15 | N/A | 21% | -44% | +9% |

**Table C**

**States whose natural person residents and nationals were eligible for the fee reduction for the entire period covered**

|  |  | **Total Applications** | **Applications by natural persons only** | **Applications claiming fee reduction** | **% of all applications with reduction** | **Change in applications** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ST.3 code, State** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **Before** | **After** | **Total** | **Nat.** |
| AG | Antigua and Barbuda |  |  |  | 33 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  | 0% |  |  |
| AL | Albania | 1 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 | 3 |  | 1 | 100% | 50% | -50% | -50% |
| AM | Armenia | 5 | 4 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 78% | 60% | +67% | +75% |
| AR | Argentina | 33 | 26 | 37 | 43 | 17 | 9 | 22 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 12% | 18% | +36% | +46% |
| AZ | Azerbaijan | 3 |  | 4 | 5 | 3 |  | 1 | 4 | 2 |  | 1 | 4 | 67% | 56% | +200% | +67% |
| BA | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 100% | 56% | +13% | -38% |
| BB | Barbados | 159 | 173 | 116 | 156 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | -18% | +0% |
| BG | Bulgaria | 54 | 58 | 53 | 36 | 28 | 26 | 26 | 15 | 25 | 23 | 27 | 17 | 43% | 49% | -21% | -24% |
| BH | Bahrain | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 43% | 29% | +0% | -50% |
| BO | Bolivia, Plurinational State of | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| BR | Brazil | 633 | 554 | 565 | 589 | 232 | 217 | 211 | 248 | 223 | 212 | 201 | 232 | 37% | 38% | -3% | +2% |
| BW | Botswana |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 100% |  |  |
| BY | Belarus | 15 | 13 | 11 | 24 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 20 | 93% | 100% | +25% | +33% |
| BZ | Belize | 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0% | 18% | +83% | +0% |
| CG | Congo |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | N/A | 50% |  |  |
| CI | Cote d'Ivoire | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100% | 50% | +33% | +33% |
| CL | Chile | 135 | 165 | 172 | 180 | 51 | 49 | 54 | 44 | 44 | 36 | 50 | 38 | 27% | 25% | +17% | -2% |
| CM | Cameroon | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 100% | 100% | +50% | +50% |
| CN | China | 23,632 | 27,082 | 34,533 | 46,363 | 3,169 | 3,494 | 5,922 | 7,111 | 3,250 | 3,124 | 5,264 | 5,773 | 13% | 14% | +60% | +96% |
| CO | Colombia | 101 | 96 | 80 | 134 | 26 | 25 | 20 | 44 | 26 | 21 | 20 | 31 | 24% | 24% | +9% | +25% |
| CR | Costa Rica | 12 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 23% | 17% | -45% | -82% |
| CU | Cuba | 9 | 3 |  | 7 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0% | 0% | -42% |  |
| CZ | Czechia | 186 | 188 | 214 | 188 | 37 | 32 | 36 | 24 | 30 | 32 | 27 | 25 | 17% | 13% | +7% | -13% |
| DM | Dominica |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  | N/A | 0% |  |  |
| DO | Dominican Republic | 7 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 63% | 64% | +75% | +100% |
| DZ | Algeria | 5 | 9 | 18 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 86% | 55% | +121% | +58% |
| EC | Ecuador | 16 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 20% | 33% | -40% | -43% |
| EE | Estonia | 22 | 31 | 23 | 37 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 19% | 5% | +13% | -17% |
| EG | Egypt | 53 | 61 | 47 | 42 | 42 | 55 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 48 | 38 | 35 | 77% | 82% | -22% | -19% |
| FM | Micronesia (Federated States of) |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  | N/A | 0% |  |  |
| GA | Gabon |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  | N/A | 0% |  |  |
| GE | Georgia | 7 | 2 | 10 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 67% | 81% | +200% | +283% |
| GH | Ghana | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100% | 100% | +0% | +0% |
| GT | Guatemala |  | 3 |  | 2 |  | 3 |  | 2 |  | 3 |  | 2 | 100% | 100% | -33% | -33% |
| HN | Honduras |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  | 0% |  |  |
| HR | Croatia | 50 | 41 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 23 | 18 | 13 | 28 | 12 | 17 | 11 | 44% | 42% | -26% | -45% |
| HU | Hungary | 157 | 167 | 160 | 172 | 58 | 72 | 84 | 83 | 60 | 65 | 82 | 73 | 39% | 47% | +2% | +28% |
| ID | Indonesia | 11 | 12 | 17 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 48% | 50% | +13% | +15% |
| IN | India | 1,414 | 1,338 | 1,519 | 1,525 | 377 | 350 | 491 | 497 | 394 | 305 | 447 | 475 | 25% | 30% | +11% | +36% |
| IQ | Iraq |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 | N/A | 100% |  |  |
| IR | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 19 | 51 | 74 | 70 | 16 | 49 | 66 | 66 | 10 | 31 | 56 | 45 | 59% | 70% | +106% | +103% |
| JM | Jamaica | 2 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| JO | Jordan | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0% | 100% | -75% | -100% |
| KE | Kenya | 4 | 17 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 57% | 42% | -43% | -50% |
| KG | Kyrgyzstan | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 1 |  | 0% | 100% | +0% | +0% |
| KN | Saint Kitts and Nevis | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | -33% |  |
| KP | Democratic People's Republic of Korea | 3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 88% | 100% | -25% | -29% |
| KZ | Kazakhstan | 18 | 21 | 31 | 25 | 14 | 13 | 23 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 23 | 20 | 74% | 77% | +44% | +52% |
| LB | Lebanon | 4 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0% | 8% | -8% | -78% |
| LC | Saint Lucia |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| LK | Sri Lanka | 16 | 19 | 16 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 54% | 32% | -11% | -35% |
| LT | Lithuania | 47 | 43 | 35 | 32 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 7% | 9% | -26% | +133% |
| LV | Latvia | 24 | 36 | 24 | 28 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 5 | 14 | 9 | 19 | 32% | 54% | -13% | +16% |
| LY | Libya |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 100% | 100% | +0% | +0% |
| MA | Morocco | 48 | 53 | 42 | 38 | 10 | 14 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 24% | 26% | -21% | +8% |
| MD | Republic of Moldova | 1 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 80% | 100% | +300% | +300% |
| ME | Montenegro | 2 |  |  | 3 | 2 |  |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 0 | 100% | 0% | +50% | -50% |
| MH | Marshall Islands | 2 | 1 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| MK | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 3 | 1 | 5 |  | 3 | 1 | 3 |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | 50% | 40% | +25% | -25% |
| MN | Mongolia |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 0 |  |  | 1 | 0 | N/A | 50% |  |  |
| MU | Mauritius | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11% | 20% | -44% | -33% |
| MX | Mexico | 272 | 301 | 289 | 290 | 150 | 155 | 145 | 152 | 142 | 142 | 139 | 139 | 50% | 48% | +1% | -3% |
| MY | Malaysia | 400 | 204 | 235 | 169 | 34 | 30 | 45 | 42 | 31 | 27 | 43 | 38 | 10% | 20% | -33% | +36% |
| NA | Namibia | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 100% | 80% | +25% | +67% |
| NG | Nigeria | 7 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 54% | 30% | -23% | -18% |
| NI | Nicaragua | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 100% | N/A |  |  |
| OM | Oman | 3 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 50% | 47% | +275% | +400% |
| PA | Panama | 12 | 19 | 6 | 58 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6% | 5% | +106% | +100% |
| PE | Peru | 16 | 16 | 28 | 22 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 19 | 19 | 66% | 76% | +56% | +85% |
| PH | Philippines | 31 | 29 | 21 | 30 | 19 | 22 | 15 | 23 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 17 | 58% | 63% | -15% | -7% |
| PK | Pakistan | 1 |  | 2 | 1 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | +200% |  |
| PL | Poland | 352 | 375 | 411 | 339 | 56 | 41 | 91 | 94 | 48 | 42 | 81 | 71 | 12% | 20% | +3% | +91% |
| PY | Paraguay |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| RO | Romania | 34 | 33 | 35 | 32 | 16 | 17 | 26 | 19 | 10 | 17 | 23 | 17 | 40% | 60% | +0% | +36% |
| RS | Serbia | 15 | 30 | 24 | 12 | 11 | 20 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 53% | 53% | -20% | -29% |
| RU | Russian Federation | 1,033 | 820 | 862 | 1,021 | 598 | 468 | 454 | 543 | 542 | 434 | 432 | 484 | 53% | 49% | +2% | -6% |
| SC | Seychelles | 18 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | -62% | +0% |
| SK | Slovakia | 67 | 41 | 41 | 48 | 28 | 13 | 11 | 20 | 26 | 10 | 10 | 19 | 33% | 33% | -18% | -24% |
| SV | El Salvador | 1 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 | 1 |  | 2 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 50% | 50% | -50% | +0% |
| SY | Syrian Arab Republic | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 150% | 67% | +50% | +50% |
| SZ | Swaziland |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 100% | 100% | +0% | +0% |
| TH | Thailand | 66 | 98 | 159 | 146 | 35 | 38 | 57 | 48 | 28 | 27 | 47 | 44 | 34% | 30% | +86% | +44% |
| TN | Tunisia | 7 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 50% | 67% | -36% | -22% |
| TO | Tonga | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 100% |  |  |  |
| TR | Turkey | 822 | 910 | 1,024 | 1,148 | 216 | 254 | 268 | 289 | 192 | 237 | 253 | 267 | 25% | 24% | +25% | +19% |
| TT | Trinidad and Tobago |  | 5 | 31 | 9 |  | 5 | 31 | 9 |  | 1 | 0 | 2 | 20% | 5% | +700% | +700% |
| UA | Ukraine | 158 | 132 | 156 | 155 | 125 | 101 | 145 | 137 | 114 | 96 | 140 | 123 | 72% | 85% | +7% | +25% |
| UY | Uruguay | 6 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7% | 9% | +47% | +200% |
| UZ | Uzbekistan | 1 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 63% | 80% | -38% | -29% |
| VC | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 2 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| VE | Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic | 2 |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | +0% | -50% |
| VN | Viet Nam | 13 | 9 | 17 | 16 | 7 | 7 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 50% | 61% | +50% | +86% |
| ZA | South Africa | 315 | 318 | 304 | 286 | 138 | 130 | 117 | 122 | 142 | 132 | 119 | 120 | 43% | 41% | -7% | -11% |
| ZW | Zimbabwe | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 100% | 100% | +50% | +50% |

**Table D**

**Least‑developed countries, whose nationals and residents are eligible for the fee reduction whether they are natural persons or not**

|  |  | **Total Applications** | **Applications by natural persons only** | **Applications claiming fee reduction** | **% of all applications with reduction** | **Change in applications** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ST.3 code, State** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **Before** | **After** | **Total** | **Nat.** |
| AO | Angola | 3 | 1 | 1 |  | 3 | 1 | 1 |  | 2 | 0 | 1 |  | 50% | 100% | -75% | -75% |
| BD | Bangladesh | 3 | 2 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| BI | Burundi |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 | N/A | 0% |  |  |
| CD | Democratic Republic of the Congo | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 100% | 0% | +0% | +0% |
| ER | Eritrea | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| KH | Cambodia |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 | N/A | 0% |  |  |
| LA | Lao People's Democratic Republic | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | +50% |  |
| LR | Liberia | 1 | 1 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| MG | Madagascar | 2 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 1 |  |  | 100% | N/A |  |  |
| MW | Malawi |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | N/A | 100% |  |  |
| MZ | Mozambique |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | N/A | 100% |  |  |
| NE | Niger |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| RW | Rwanda | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0% | N/A |  |  |
| SD | Sudan |  | 8 | 1 | 8 |  | 5 | 1 | 8 |  | 3 | 1 | 6 | 38% | 78% | +13% | +80% |
| SN | Senegal | 3 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 16% | 42% | -37% | -37% |
| TD | Chad |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  | 0 | N/A | 0% |  |  |
| TG | Togo |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | N/A | 100% |  |  |
| TZ | United Republic of Tanzania |  |  | 2 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | N/A | 50% |  |  |
| UG | Uganda | 3 | 3 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 33% | N/A |  |  |
| VU | Vanuatu | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 0% | 0% | +0% | +0% |
| WS | Samoa | 1 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 22% | 0% | -56% |  |
| YE | Yemen | 1 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 2 |  | 0% | 200% | +0% |  |

**Table E**

**States whose nationals and residents were not eligible for the fee reduction for the entire period
(included in the tables for the purposes of comparison of filing trends and proportion of applications by all natural persons)**

|  |  | **Total Applications** | **Applications by natural persons only** | **Applications claiming fee reduction** | **% of all applications with reduction** | **Change in applications** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **ST.3 code, State** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **y-2** | **y-1** | **y+1** | **y+2** | **Before** | **After** | **Total** | **Nat.** |
| AD | Andorra | 3 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +71% | +40% |
| AT | Austria | 1,377 | 1,339 | 1,443 | 1,423 | 169 | 139 | 165 | 172 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +6% | +9% |
| AU | Australia | 1,689 | 1,642 | 1,800 | 1,828 | 312 | 283 | 323 | 277 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +9% | +1% |
| BE | Belgium | 1,172 | 1,154 | 1,215 | 1,378 | 40 | 46 | 46 | 58 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +11% | +21% |
| BN | Brunei Darussalam |  | 2 | 8 | 1 |  | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +350% |  |
| CA | Canada | 2,888 | 2,863 | 2,606 | 2,346 | 417 | 364 | 393 | 362 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -14% | -3% |
| CH | Switzerland | 4,346 | 4,228 | 4,392 | 4,536 | 174 | 162 | 149 | 178 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +4% | -3% |
| CK | Cook Islands | 3 |  | 1 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -67% |  |
| DE | Germany | 17,880 | 18,235 | 17,812 | 18,383 | 819 | 794 | 735 | 744 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +0% | -8% |
| DK | Denmark | 1,297 | 1,280 | 1,343 | 1,377 | 39 | 26 | 31 | 22 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +6% | -18% |
| ES | Spain | 1,716 | 1,550 | 1,533 | 1,505 | 363 | 370 | 360 | 333 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -7% | -5% |
| FI | Finland | 1,812 | 1,677 | 1,550 | 1,550 | 48 | 58 | 49 | 44 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -11% | -12% |
| FR | France | 8,271 | 8,505 | 8,303 | 8,068 | 333 | 291 | 340 | 360 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -2% | +12% |
| GB | United Kingdom | 5,069 | 5,176 | 5,382 | 5,672 | 427 | 389 | 392 | 396 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +8% | -3% |
| IE | Ireland | 437 | 424 | 468 | 528 | 50 | 38 | 56 | 33 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +16% | +1% |
| IL | Israel | 1,547 | 1,661 | 1,695 | 1,825 | 294 | 259 | 238 | 249 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +10% | -12% |
| IS | Iceland | 41 | 46 | 50 | 42 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +6% | +0% |
| IT | Italy | 2,919 | 3,114 | 3,161 | 3,356 | 473 | 495 | 550 | 540 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +8% | +13% |
| JP | Japan | 42,612 | 43,694 | 44,343 | 46,805 | 474 | 498 | 482 | 486 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +6% | -0% |
| KR | Republic of Korea | 12,427 | 14,019 | 14,880 | 15,494 | 1,861 | 2,083 | 2,072 | 1,973 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +15% | +3% |
| KW | Kuwait |  | 1 | 7 | 3 |  | 1 | 3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +900% | +200% |
| LI | Liechtenstein | 223 | 245 | 214 | 261 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +1% | -67% |
| LU | Luxembourg | 488 | 401 | 480 | 439 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +3% | -47% |
| MC | Monaco | 25 | 38 | 17 | 14 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -51% | -31% |
| NL | Netherlands | 4,092 | 4,362 | 4,477 | 4,598 | 88 | 90 | 94 | 84 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +7% | +0% |
| NO | Norway | 714 | 652 | 706 | 764 | 50 | 37 | 51 | 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +8% | -6% |
| NZ | New Zealand | 328 | 351 | 334 | 294 | 70 | 58 | 50 | 59 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -8% | -15% |
| QA | Qatar | 19 | 13 | 17 | 29 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +44% | +11% |
| SE | Sweden | 3,938 | 3,961 | 3,791 | 3,702 | 143 | 111 | 100 | 103 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -5% | -20% |
| SM | San Marino | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  | +140% | +100% |
| US | United States of America | 62,743 | 55,072 | 56,988 | 56,542 | 4,057 | 3,643 | 3,511 | 3,448 |  |  |  |  |  |  | -4% | -10% |

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