

Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees¹
(applicable on or after 1 January 2020²)

1. Where the international application is filed by an applicant^{3, 4} who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in one of the following States:⁵

(a) States which are PCT Contracting States:

Albania	Dominica	Lithuania	Saudi Arabia
Algeria	Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Senegal
Angola	Ecuador	Malawi	Serbia
Antigua and Barbuda	Egypt	Malaysia	Seychelles
Armenia	El Salvador	Mali	Sierra Leone
Azerbaijan	Equatorial Guinea	Malta	Slovakia
Bahrain	Estonia	Mauritania	Slovenia
Barbados	Eswatini	Mexico	South Africa
Belarus	Gabon	Mongolia	Sri Lanka
Belize	Gambia	Montenegro	Sudan
Benin	Georgia	Morocco	Syrian Arab Republic
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ghana	Mozambique	Tajikistan
Botswana	Greece	Namibia	Thailand
Brazil	Grenada	Nicaragua	Togo
Bulgaria	Guatemala	Niger	Trinidad and Tobago
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Nigeria	Tunisia
Cabo Verde	Guinea-Bissau	North Macedonia	Turkey
Cambodia	Honduras	Oman	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Hungary	Panama	Uganda
Central African Republic	India	Papua New Guinea	Ukraine
Chad	Indonesia	Peru	United Republic of Tanzania
Chile	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Philippines	Uzbekistan
China	Iraq	Poland	Viet Nam
Colombia	Jamaica	Portugal	Zambia
Comoros	Jordan	Republic of Moldova	Zimbabwe
Congo	Kazakhstan	Romania	
Costa Rica	Kenya	Russian Federation	
Côte d'Ivoire	Kyrgyzstan	Rwanda	
Croatia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Cuba	Latvia	Saint Lucia	
Czechia	Lesotho	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liberia	Samoa	
Djibouti	Libya	Sao Tome and Principe	

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States:⁶

Afghanistan	Fiji	Nauru	Tuvalu
Argentina	Guyana	Nepal	Uruguay
Bangladesh	Haiti	Pakistan	Vanuatu
Bhutan	Kiribati	Palau	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Lebanon	Paraguay	Yemen
Burundi	Maldives	Solomon Islands	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Marshall Islands	Somalia	
Eritrea	Mauritius	South Sudan	
Ethiopia	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Suriname	
	Myanmar	Timor-Leste	
		Tonga	

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2. Where the international application is filed by an applicant^{3, 4}, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in one of the following States that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country:

(a) States which are PCT Contracting States:

Angola	Gambia	Malawi	Sierra Leone
Benin	Guinea	Mali	Sudan
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Mauritania	Togo
Cambodia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Mozambique	Uganda
Central African Republic	Lesotho	Niger	United Republic of Tanzania
Chad	Liberia	Rwanda	Zambia
Comoros	Madagascar	Sao Tome and Principe	
Djibouti		Senegal	

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States:⁶

Afghanistan	Eritrea	Solomon Islands	Yemen
Bangladesh	Ethiopia	Somalia	
Bhutan	Haiti	South Sudan	
Burundi	Kiribati	Timor-Leste	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Myanmar	Tuvalu	
	Nepal	Vanuatu	

- 1 The international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee.
- 2 In the case of the reduction in the international filing fee, this list applies to international applications received by the receiving Office on or after 1 January 2020; in the case of reductions in the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, this list applies to international applications in respect of which the respective fee is paid on or after 1 January 2020.
- 3 If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in parts 1 or 2 of the list, and at least one of them must be a national of and/or reside in a PCT Contracting State.
- 4 The PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that the reduction in the fees mentioned in footnote 1 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.
- 5 That is, States whose per capita gross domestic product is below US\$ 25,000 (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US\$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau.
- 6 Applicants from these States must file the PCT application together with an applicant who is a national of and/or resides in a PCT Contracting State, and in order to benefit from the 90% reduction, the State concerned must be one of the States indicated under 1(a) (if the applicant concerned is a natural person) or 2(a) (whether the applicant is a natural person or not).