

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

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

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

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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).