

Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees¹

(applicable on or after 1 July 2015²)

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	Djibouti ⁷	Lithuania	Senegal
Algeria	Dominica	Madagascar	Serbia
Angola	Dominican Republic	Malawi	Seychelles
Antigua and Barbuda	Ecuador	Malaysia	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Egypt	Mali	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	El Salvador	Malta	Slovenia
Bahrain	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania	South Africa
Barbados	Estonia	Mexico	Sri Lanka
Belarus	Eswatini	Mongolia	Sudan
Belize	Gabon	Montenegro	Syrian Arab Republic
Benin	Gambia	Morocco	Tajikistan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Georgia	Mozambique	Thailand
Botswana	Ghana	Namibia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Brazil	Greece	Nicaragua	Togo
Bulgaria	Grenada	Niger	Trinidad and Tobago
Burkina Faso	Guatemala	Nigeria	Tunisia
Cambodia ⁶	Guinea	Oman	Turkey
Cameroon	Guinea-Bissau	Panama	Turkmenistan
Central African Republic	Honduras	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Chad	Hungary	Peru	Ukraine
Chile	India	Philippines	United Republic of Tanzania
China	Indonesia	Poland	Uzbekistan
Colombia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Portugal	Viet Nam
Comoros	Jordan ⁸	Republic of Moldova	Zambia
Congo	Kazakhstan	Romania	Zimbabwe
Costa Rica	Kenya	Russian Federation	
Côte d'Ivoire	Kyrgyzstan	Rwanda	
Croatia	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Cuba	Latvia	Saint Lucia	
Cyprus	Lesotho	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Czech Republic	Liberia	Sao Tome and Principe	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Libya	Saudi Arabia	

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States:⁹

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

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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	Equatorial Guinea	Madagascar	Senegal
Benin	Gambia	Malawi	Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Mali	Sudan
Cambodia ⁶	Guinea-Bissau	Mauritania	Togo
Central African Republic	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Mozambique	Uganda
Chad	Lesotho	Niger	United Republic of Tanzania
Comoros	Liberia	Rwanda	Zambia
Djibouti ⁷		Sao Tome and Principe	

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States:⁹

Afghanistan	Eritrea	Samoa ¹⁰	Vanuatu
Bangladesh	Ethiopia	Solomon Islands	Yemen
Bhutan	Haiti	Somalia	
Burundi	Kiribati	South Sudan	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Myanmar	Timor-Leste	
	Nepal	Tuvalu	

- 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 July 2015; 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 July 2015.
- 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 Became bound by the PCT on 8 December 2016.
- 7 Became bound by the PCT on 23 September 2016.
- 8 Became bound by the PCT on 9 June 2017.
- 9 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).
- 10 Despite noting in October 2014 that Samoa was no longer classified by the United Nations as a least developed country (see document PCT/A/46/3, paragraph 13(d)), the PCT Assembly nonetheless decided to retain Samoa on this list (see document PCT/A/46/6, paragraph 17(vi)).