ePCT for New Users (Part I)

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NEW USERS

STEP BY STEP PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS

1 CREATE A WIPO ACCOUNT

A single WIPO Account gives access to many of WIPO’s online services.

Note: a WIPO account may belong only to an individual, not to a group or organization.

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2 SET UP STRONG AUTHENTICATION

Once you are logged in to your WIPO account, set up strong authentication.

Strong authentication is required to access confidential data and documents in ePCT and to file new applications.

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3 ACCESS FULL SUITE OF ePCT FUNCTIONS

Now that you are able to login to ePCT with strong authentication, you can benefit from the all the functions available.

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4 SHARE ACCESS RIGHTS THROUGH eHANDSHAKES

eHandshake functionality allows different users to connect their WIPO Accounts and share access rights to their PCT applications.

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ePCT Introduction

- ePCT is WIPO’s online platform that provides PCT services for both applicants and IP Offices
- URL: https://pct.wipo.int
- Recommended internet browsers:
  - Mozilla Firefox
  - Google Chrome
- Secure and direct interaction with PCT applications maintained by the IB
- Sign in with or without strong authentication
Create a WIPO Account

- A single WIPO Account gives access to many of WIPO’s online services
- WIPO Accounts must be in the name of individuals
  - An e-mail address can be associated with one account only
- Minimum number of characters for the username is four
  - Cannot contain non-Latin alphabet, blank space or any special characters
- WIPO Account must be confirmed – click on link received by e-mail
ePCT without Strong Authentication

- Limited functionalities
- Upload documents and send ePCT messages only to the IB
- 3 online actions
  - Rule 92bis change request for published IAs only
  - Article 19 amendments
  - Third Party Observation
Strong Authentication Methods

■ Additional authentication step
■ Best practice for ePCT users is to register an App or a phone for OTP (one-time password)
■ Set up at least two strong authentication methods
■ Strong authentication methods
  - App for OTP
  - SMS for OTP
  - WIPO digital certificate / EPO smart card
Create a New IA

- Available with 77 ROs
  - Direct filing with 74 ROs
  - Two-steps process with RO/US, RO/IL, RO/CA
- Best-in-class validation of data against the electronic processing system of the IB
- Fill in the screens in the order in which they appear to benefit from re-use of certain data
File View

- Shortcut links for navigating to each section
- DATA: All bibliographic data, target publication date + front page preview
Use the ‘HELP’ in the navigation bar
https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/support.html
Selected FAQs Articles

- Getting started
- Sign-in without strong authentication
- Strong authentication methods
- ePCT-Filing
  - Filing at RO/IB (as an example of ePCT-Filing)
  - Filing at RO/US using ePCT in combination with EFS-Web
ePCT HELP (2)

- PCT Customer Support Section
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  - Live Chat & Web Contact Form available via FAQ answers
  - Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm Geneva time
Thank you!