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The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to invite comments on the draft revised lists of States meeting the criteria set out in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

Items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees provide for reductions of certain fees payable under the PCT to applicants who are nationals of and resident in a State included in lists established for the purpose. The lists are updated every five years in accordance with Directives of the Assembly, set out in Annex II to document PCT/A/46/3. The Directives require the Director General to prepare draft revised lists based on the criteria according to the latest figures available two weeks before the opening of the 2024 session of the PCT Assembly and to make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

- ./ Annex I contains the draft revised lists under items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees as they would stand with effect from January 1, 2025. Annex II contains tables showing the figures on which the lists are based.
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is invited to communicate any comments on the draft lists to the International Bureau of WIPO, before the end of the PCT Assembly on July 17, 2024, by email to: pct.wg@wipo.int.



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Enclosures: Annex I: Draft revised lists of States according to items 5(a) and (b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees
Annex II: Explanation of basis of lists

DRAFT REVISED LISTS OF STATES ACCORDING TO
ITEMS 5(a) AND (b) OF THE PCT SCHEDULE OF FEES

The following draft lists have been prepared by the Director General in accordance with the Directives of the PCT Assembly set out in Annex II to document PCT/A/46/3, with a view to the establishment of new lists for the purposes of PCT fee reductions in accordance with items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, with effect from January 1, 2025.

(1) Natural persons national of and resident in the following States will be eligible for the reduction set out in item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees.

(a) States which are PCT Contracting States

AG	Antigua and Barbuda	GR	Greece
AL	Albania	GT	Guatemala
AM	Armenia	GW	Guinea-Bissau
AO	Angola	HN	Honduras
AZ	Azerbaijan	HR	Croatia
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	HU	Hungary
BB	Barbados	ID	Indonesia
BF	Burkina Faso	IN	India
BG	Bulgaria	IQ	Iraq
BH	Bahrain	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
BJ	Benin	JO	Jordan
BR	Brazil	KE	Kenya
BW	Botswana	KG	Kyrgyzstan
BY	Belarus	KH	Cambodia
BZ	Belize	KM	Comoros
CF	Central African Republic	KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis
CG	Congo	KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	KW	Kuwait
CL	Chile	KZ	Kazakhstan
CM	Cameroon	JM	Jamaica
CN	China	LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic
CO	Colombia	LC	Saint Lucia
CR	Costa Rica	LK	Sri Lanka
CU	Cuba	LR	Liberia
CV	Cabo Verde	LS	Lesotho
CZ	Czech Republic	LT	Lithuania
DJ	Djibouti	LV	Latvia
DM	Dominica	LY	Libya
DO	Dominican Republic	MA	Morocco
DZ	Algeria	MD	Republic of Moldova
EC	Ecuador	ME	Montenegro
EE	Estonia	MG	Madagascar
EG	Egypt	MK	North Macedonia
GA	Gabon	ML	Mali
GD	Grenada	MN	Mongolia
GE	Georgia	MR	Mauritania
GH	Ghana	MT	Malta
GM	Gambia (the)	MU	Mauritius
GN	Guinea	MW	Malawi
GQ	Equatorial Guinea		

MX	Mexico	SN	Senegal
MY	Malaysia	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MZ	Mozambique	SV	El Salvador
NA	Namibia	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
NE	Niger	SZ	Eswatini
NG	Nigeria	TD	Chad
NI	Nicaragua	TG	Togo
OM	Oman	TH	Thailand
PA	Panama	TJ	Tajikistan
PE	Peru	TM	Turkmenistan
PG	Papua New Guinea	TN	Tunisia
PH	Philippines	TR	Türkiye
PL	Poland	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
PT	Portugal	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
RO	Romania	UA	Ukraine
RS	Serbia	UG	Uganda
RU	Russian Federation	UZ	Uzbekistan
RW	Rwanda	VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
SA	Saudi Arabia	VN	Viet Nam
SC	Seychelles	WS	Samoa
SD	Sudan	ZA	South Africa
SI	Slovenia	ZM	Zambia
SK	Slovakia	ZW	Zimbabwe
SL	Sierra Leone		

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States

AF	Afghanistan	MV	Maldives
AR	Argentina	NP	Nepal
BD	Bangladesh	NR	Nauru
BI	Burundi	PK	Pakistan
BO	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	PW	Palau
BS	Bahamas	PY	Paraguay
BT	Bhutan	SB	Solomon Islands
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	SO	Somalia
ER	Eritrea	SR	Suriname
ET	Ethiopia	SS	South Sudan
FJ	Fiji	TL	Timor-Leste
FM	Micronesia (Federated States of)	TO	Tonga
GY	Guyana	TV	Tuvalu
HT	Haiti	UY	Uruguay
KI	Kiribati	VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
LB	Lebanon	VU	Vanuatu
MH	Marshall Islands	YE	Yemen
MM	Myanmar		

(2) Applicants, whether a natural person or not, national of and resident in the following States will be eligible for the reduction set out in item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees.

(a) States which are PCT Contracting States

AO	Angola	MR	Mauritania
BF	Burkina Faso	MW	Malawi
BJ	Benin	MZ	Mozambique
CF	Central African Republic	NE	Niger
DJ	Djibouti	RW	Rwanda
GM	Gambia (the)	SD	Sudan
GN	Guinea	SL	Sierra Leone
GW	Guinea-Bissau	SN	Senegal
KH	Cambodia	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
KM	Comoros	TD	Chad
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	TG	Togo
LR	Liberia	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
LS	Lesotho	UG	Uganda
MG	Madagascar	ZM	Zambia
ML	Mali		

(b) States which are not PCT Contracting States

AF	Afghanistan	MM	Myanmar
BD	Bangladesh	NP	Nepal
BI	Burundi	SB	Solomon Islands
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	SO	Somalia
ER	Eritrea	SS	South Sudan
ET	Ethiopia	TL	Timor-Leste
HT	Haiti	TV	Tuvalu
KI	Kiribati	YE	Yemen

[Annex II follows]

EXPLANATION OF BASIS OF LISTS

The following tables show provisional information on the eligibility of States for inclusion in the lists for reductions under items 5(a) and 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees that will be established following the end of the fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session of the PCT Assembly on July 17, 2024.

In these tables, the “eligible” columns show “Y” (“Yes”) if the State meets the criteria for inclusion in the relevant list when it will be established or “N” (“No”) if the State will not meet the criteria for inclusion in the relevant list when it will be established. The “Pop.” column shows the average population in the period 2018 to 2022 according to the United Nations statistics. The GDP column shows the average per capita gross domestic product values from the United Nations for the period 2013 to 2022 at constant 2005 United States dollar values. The applications by natural person are based on the provisional figures for international applications (IAs) filed in the period 2019-2023, though the “per million” figure is calculated using the 2018-2022 population figures since the 2023 figures are not available.

The latest United Nations figures have been updated from document PCT/WG/17/5 Rev., published on February 8, 2024, that was provided to the seventeenth session of the PCT Working Group, with some changes in the GDP figures. The figures under other parameters are the same as those in that document. The changes in the GDP figures do not affect the outcome of which States are included in the lists compared to those discussed based on the Working Group document.

To be eligible for the reduction under item 5(a), a State must have a GDP of less than 25,000 United States dollars and either the average total applications by natural persons must be less than 50 or else the applications per million persons must be less than 10. To be eligible for the reduction under item 5(b), a State must be listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country when the lists are established.

A. States currently listed for the reduction in item 5(a), but not 5(b)

ST.3 code, State	Eligible 5(a)	Eligible 5(b)	Pop.	GDP	IAs by natural person (total)	IAs by natural person (per million)
AG Antigua and Barbuda	Y	N	0.1	12,936.8	-	-
AL Albania	Y	N	2.9	4,301.6	1.0	0.3
AM Armenia	Y	N	2.8	3,037.5	4.0	1.4
AR Argentina	Y	N	45.0	6,050.4	16.6	0.4
AZ Azerbaijan	Y	N	10.3	3,141.6	7.2	0.7
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	Y	N	3.3	4,417.7	5.0	1.5
BB Barbados	Y	N	0.3	13,963.0	0.2	0.7
BG Bulgaria	Y	N	7.0	5,692.6	19.8	2.8
BH Bahrain	Y	N	1.5	18,612.4	1.2	0.8
BO Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Y	N	11.9	1,438.5	0.2	0.0
BR Brazil	Y	N	213.0	5,664.4	235.6	1.1
BW Botswana	Y	N	2.5	5,981.4	-	-
BY Belarus	Y	N	9.6	4,987.2	12.8	1.3
BZ Belize	Y	N	0.4	4,836.6	0.2	0.5
CG Congo	Y	N	5.7	1,729.6	-	-
CI Côte d'Ivoire	Y	N	26.8	1,632.2	0.4	0.0
CL Chile	Y	N	19.2	10,046.0	42.2	2.2
CM Cameroon	Y	N	26.5	1,277.5	1.4	0.1
CN China	Y	N	1,423.1	4,766.9	2,337.4	1.6
CO Colombia	Y	N	50.8	4,858.5	40.8	0.8

ST.3 code, State	Eligible 5(a)	Eligible 5(b)	Pop.	GDP	IAs by natural person (total)	IAs by natural person (per million)
GQ Equatorial Guinea	Y	N	1.6	6,914.0	-	-
CR Costa Rica	Y	N	5.1	6,594.1	2.4	0.5
CU Cuba	Y	N	11.3	5,547.6	0.2	0.0
CV Cabo Verde	Y	N	0.6	3,142.0	-	-
CZ Czech Republic	Y	N	10.5	16,976.9	27.0	2.6
DM Dominica	Y	N	0.1	5,983.3	-	-
DO Dominican Republic	Y	N	11.0	6,442.2	4.4	0.4
DZ Algeria	Y	N	43.4	3,401.7	10.2	0.2
EC Ecuador	Y	N	17.5	3,599.3	5.4	0.3
EE Estonia	Y	N	1.3	13,605.4	3.0	2.3
EG Egypt	Y	N	107.4	1,616.0	38.6	0.4
FJ Fiji	Y	N	0.9	4,066.5	0.4	0.4
FM Micronesia (Federated States of)	Y	N	0.1	2,246.4	-	-
GA Gabon	Y	N	2.3	6,265.7	0.2	0.1
GD Grenada	Y	N	0.1	6,556.0	-	-
GE Georgia	Y	N	3.8	3,240.6	5.8	1.5
GH Ghana	Y	N	32.2	1,629.8	0.4	0.0
GR Greece	Y	N	10.5	18,887.4	45.0	4.3
GT Guatemala	Y	N	17.4	2,499.1	0.8	0.0
GY Guyana	Y	N	0.8	5,755.3	-	-
HN Honduras	Y	N	10.1	1,539.4	-	-
HR Croatia	Y	N	4.1	12,151.4	8.0	2.0
HU Hungary	Y	N	9.8	13,784.4	44.0	4.5
ID Indonesia	Y	N	271.6	2,204.2	4.2	0.0
IN India	Y	N	1,394.6	1,330.8	679.0	0.5
IQ Iraq	Y	N	42.5	2,395.0	0.2	0.0
IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Y	N	87.2	3,822.6	208.0	2.4
JM Jamaica	Y	N	2.8	4,071.3	0.8	0.3
JO Jordan	Y	N	10.9	2,086.9	8.4	0.8
KE Kenya	Y	N	52.0	884.8	4.4	0.1
KG Kyrgyzstan	Y	N	6.4	678.6	1.2	0.2
KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	Y	N	0.0	15,000.4	-	-
KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Y	N	25.5	516.6	1.8	0.1
KZ Kazakhstan	Y	N	19.0	5,817.8	18.4	1.0
LB Lebanon	Y	N	5.7	5,120.0	3.8	0.7
LC Saint Lucia	Y	N	0.2	7,394.8	-	-
LK Sri Lanka	Y	N	21.7	2,630.3	6.6	0.3
LT Lithuania	Y	N	2.8	12,693.3	3.4	1.2
LV Latvia	Y	N	1.9	10,735.2	9.4	5.0
LY Libya	Y	N	6.7	5,636.0	1.4	0.2
MA Morocco	Y	N	36.7	3,376.0	12.0	0.3
MD Republic of Moldova	Y	N	3.1	1,707.4	5.0	1.6
ME Montenegro	Y	N	0.6	5,069.3	2.4	3.8
MH Marshall Islands	Y	N	0.0	3,550.0	-	-
MK North Macedonia	Y	N	2.1	4,254.1	2.6	1.2
MN Mongolia	Y	N	3.3	2,249.2	0.4	0.1
MT Malta	Y	N	0.5	22,852.9	1.4	2.7
MU Mauritius	Y	N	1.3	8,329.0	0.4	0.3
MV Maldives	Y	N	0.5	5,162.7	-	-
MX Mexico	Y	N	125.9	9,132.7	104.0	0.8

ST.3 code, State	Eligible 5(a)	Eligible 5(b)	Pop.	GDP	IAs by natural person (total)	IAs by natural person (per million)
MY Malaysia	Y	N	33.2	7,884.1	29.6	0.9
NA Namibia	Y	N	2.5	4,700.7	0.6	0.2
NG Nigeria	Y	N	208.4	1,629.0	1.6	0.0
NI Nicaragua	Y	N	6.8	1,490.5	0.6	0.1
NR Nauru	Y	N	0.0	7,705.4	-	-
OM Oman	Y	N	4.6	13,607.5	6.6	1.4
PA Panama	Y	N	4.3	8,729.9	2.8	0.7
PE Peru	Y	N	33.2	4,432.5	17.0	0.5
PG Papua New Guinea	Y	N	9.7	1,437.8	-	-
PH Philippines	Y	N	112.1	1,918.6	11.2	0.1
PK Pakistan	Y	N	227.5	963.4	0.6	0.0
PL Poland	Y	N	38.7	12,831.3	54.6	1.4
PT Portugal	Y	N	10.3	19,781.8	22.2	2.2
PW Palau	Y	N	0.0	10,106.3	-	-
PY Paraguay	Y	N	6.6	2,997.4	0.2	0.0
RO Romania	Y	N	19.5	7,378.8	21.8	1.1
RS Serbia	Y	N	7.3	4,939.0	16.4	2.2
RU Russian Federation	Y	N	145.4	7,155.7	484.4	3.3
SA Saudi Arabia	Y	N	35.8	14,706.9	24.8	0.7
SC Seychelles	Y	N	0.1	17,524.2	0.4	3.8
SI Slovenia	Y	N	2.1	21,075.3	11.4	5.4
SK Slovakia	Y	N	5.5	13,688.6	13.0	2.4
SR Suriname	Y	N	0.6	5,174.9	-	-
SV El Salvador	Y	N	6.3	3,031.9	0.4	0.1
SY Syrian Arab Republic	Y	N	20.7	857.3	2.8	0.1
SZ Eswatini	Y	N	1.2	3,906.0	-	-
TH Thailand	Y	N	71.4	3,937.3	32.6	0.5
TJ Tajikistan	Y	N	9.5	563.7	0.2	0.0
TM Turkmenistan	Y	N	6.2	5,279.1	0.2	0.0
TN Tunisia	Y	N	12.2	4,139.6	5.6	0.5
TO Tonga	Y	N	0.1	2,785.2	-	-
TR Türkiye	Y	N	84.1	11,315.9	284.4	3.4
TT Trinidad and Tobago	Y	N	1.5	13,324.6	1.8	1.2
UA Ukraine	Y	N	43.2	1,925.8	110.0	2.5
UY Uruguay	Y	N	3.4	8,826.6	2.0	0.6
UZ Uzbekistan	Y	N	33.5	1,369.8	1.0	0.0
VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Y	N	0.1	6,448.7	-	-
VE Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Y	N	28.8	3,844.8	0.2	0.0
VN Viet Nam	Y	N	96.6	1,671.2	18.0	0.2
WS Samoa	Y	N	0.2	2,491.1	-	-
ZA South Africa	Y	N	58.7	6,619.8	106.2	1.8
ZW Zimbabwe	Y	N	15.7	1,188.5	-	-

B. States currently listed for the reduction in item 5(b) (least developed countries)

ST.3 code, State	Eligible 5(a)	Eligible 5(b)	Pop.	GDP	IAs by natural person (total)	IAs by natural person (per million)
AF Afghanistan	Y	Y	38.9	349.7	-	-
AO Angola	Y	Y	33.4	2,163.9	0.2	0.0
BD Bangladesh	Y	Y	167.4	914.7	0.8	0.0
BF Burkina Faso	Y	Y	21.5	593.4	-	-
BI Burundi	Y	Y	12.2	158.6	-	-
BJ Benin	Y	Y	12.6	970.4	0.6	0.0
BT Bhutan	Y	N	0.8	2,418.7	-	-
CD Democratic Republic of the Congo	Y	Y	93.0	290.9	0.4	0.0
CF Central African Republic	Y	Y	5.3	264.6	-	-
DJ Djibouti	Y	Y	1.1	2,020.5	-	-
ER Eritrea	Y	Y	3.6	418.5	-	-
ET Ethiopia	Y	Y	117.2	370.4	0.2	0.0
GM Gambia (the)	Y	Y	2.6	599.5	-	-
GN Guinea	Y	Y	13.2	580.1	-	-
GW Guinea-Bissau	Y	Y	2.0	484.6	-	-
HT Haiti	Y	Y	11.3	842.9	-	-
KH Cambodia	Y	Y	16.4	888.8	-	-
KI Kiribati	Y	Y	0.1	1,119.7	-	-
KM Comoros	Y	Y	0.8	1,472.2	0.2	0.2
LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	Y	Y	7.3	1,031.7	0.4	0.1
LR Liberia	Y	Y	5.1	408.7	0.2	0.0
LS Lesotho	Y	Y	2.3	1,002.8	-	-
MG Madagascar	Y	Y	28.2	310.1	0.6	0.0
ML Mali	Y	Y	21.2	912.3	0.2	0.0
MM Myanmar	Y	Y	53.4	598.6	-	-
MR Mauritania	Y	Y	4.5	1,121.5	-	-
MW Malawi	Y	Y	19.4	518.5	-	-
MZ Mozambique	Y	Y	31.2	662.2	-	-
NE Niger	Y	Y	24.4	405.0	0.2	0.0
NP Nepal	Y	Y	29.5	568.6	-	-
RW Rwanda	Y	Y	13.2	578.0	-	-
SB Solomon Islands	Y	Y	0.7	1,388.0	-	-
SD Sudan	Y	Y	44.4	2,122.0	3.0	0.1
SL Sierra Leone	Y	Y	8.2	393.2	-	-
SN Senegal	Y	Y	16.4	1,164.4	1.6	0.1
SO Somalia	Y	Y	16.5	786.4	-	-
SS South Sudan	Y	Y	10.6	544.6	-	-
ST Sao Tome and Principe	Y	Y	0.2	1,078.5	-	-
TD Chad	Y	Y	16.7	979.9	-	-
TG Togo	Y	Y	8.4	708.4	-	-
TL Timor-Leste	Y	Y	1.3	758.0	-	-
TV Tuvalu	Y	Y	0.0	2,937.6	-	-
TZ United Republic of Tanzania	Y	Y	60.1	670.4	-	-
UG Uganda	Y	Y	44.4	613.5	0.6	0.0
VU Vanuatu	Y	N	0.3	1,965.3	-	-
YE Yemen	Y	Y	32.3	375.0	-	-
ZM Zambia	Y	Y	18.9	994.5	0.8	0.0

C. States not currently listed for either fee reduction

ST.3 code, State	Eligible 5(a)	Eligible 5(b)	Pop.	GDP	IAs by natural person (total)	IAs by natural person (per million)
AD Andorra	N	N	0.1	38,626.1	2.4	30.8
AE United Arab Emirates	N	N	9.3	30,810.0	17.0	1.8
AT Austria	N	N	8.9	41,969.8	165.4	18.6
AU Australia	N	N	25.6	42,924.7	223.8	8.7
BE Belgium	N	N	11.6	40,058.1	30.2	2.6
BN Brunei Darussalam	N	N	0.4	25,386.1	0.4	0.9
BS Bahamas	Y	N	0.4	24,857.9	1.6	3.9
CA Canada	N	N	37.8	39,093.0	290.2	7.7
CH Switzerland	N	N	8.6	63,177.9	118.6	13.7
CY Cyprus	N	N	0.9	26,567.0	3.4	3.9
DE Germany	N	N	83.2	40,983.8	606.2	7.3
DK Denmark	N	N	5.8	52,518.3	19.6	3.4
ES Spain	N	N	47.3	26,629.3	278.0	5.9
FI Finland	N	N	5.5	41,102.2	19.6	3.5
FR France	N	N	66.8	37,241.2	239.6	3.6
GB United Kingdom	N	N	67.0	44,408.3	271.4	4.1
IE Ireland	N	N	4.9	72,812.6	23.8	4.8
IL Israel	N	N	8.8	28,842.9	216.8	24.8
IS Iceland	N	N	0.4	63,550.2	3.0	8.2
IT Italy	N	N	59.5	30,048.2	356.8	6.0
JP Japan	N	N	125.2	40,478.0	430.8	3.4
KR Republic of Korea	N	N	51.8	27,872.1	1,586.4	30.6
KW Kuwait	Y	N	4.3	24,573.0	1.8	0.4
LI Liechtenstein	N	N	0.0	129,204.7	0.4	10.3
LU Luxembourg	N	N	0.6	85,684.2	3.4	5.4
MC Monaco	N	N	0.0	176,737.5	6.0	162.2
NL Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	N	N	17.4	46,543.2	54.6	3.1
NO Norway	N	N	5.4	69,295.1	32.4	6.0
NZ New Zealand	N	N	5.0	32,414.7	39.8	7.9
QA Qatar	N	N	2.7	55,298.7	4.2	1.5
SE Sweden	N	N	10.4	49,370.4	81.2	7.8
SG Singapore	N	N	5.9	41,267.5	35.8	6.1
SM San Marino	N	N	0.0	43,155.4	0.4	11.8
US United States of America	N	N	335.5	48,868.5	2,800.8	8.3

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