

Applicability of 90% Reduction in Certain PCT Fees¹

(applicable on or after 1 January 2025²)

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

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

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

- 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 2025; 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 2025.
- 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).