

*Point 4 PCT Schedule
of Fees*

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8.1.1 Reduction for applications filed in electronic form

The amount of reduction of the international filing fee is set by the IB and is applicable on the date of receipt of the international application.

For international applications submitted in electronic form, three different levels of reduction apply, depending on the format in which the application is filed, namely:

8.1.1.1 Web-form filing (WFF) reduction

This reduction applies if both the request form (PCT/RO/101) and the specification (description, claims and abstract) are filed in PDF.

8.1.1.2 PDF reduction

This reduction applies if the request form (PCT/RO/101) is filed in character-coded format (XML), while the specification (description, claims and abstract) is filed in PDF.

8.1.1.3 XML reduction

This reduction applies if both the request form (PCT/RO/101) and the specification (description, claims and abstract) are filed in character-coded format (XML).

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8.1.2 Reductions for applicants from certain states

The international filing fee is reduced by 90% if the requirements stipulated in point 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees are met.

For filings at the RO/EP, the reduction applies only if the applicant is a natural person who is a national of and resides in an EPC contracting state complying with the criteria under point 5(a) PCT Schedule of Fees (an updated list can be found in the Euro-PCT Guide, point 2.25.019).

If the application is filed with the RO/EP by more than one applicant, only one of them needs to be a national and resident of one of the EPC contracting states in question, but each applicant must fulfil the criteria mentioned under point 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees.

The 90% reduction is calculated after deduction of the electronic filing reduction, if applicable (see GL/PCT-EPO A-III, 8.1.1).

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8.2 Reduction of the international search fee

The fee for the international search on an international application is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is

- a natural person who is a national and resident of a state not party to the EPC which on the date of filing of the application is classified as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy by the World Bank;
- or
- a natural or legal person who is a national and resident of a state in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force.