

If the applicant pays the fees after the time limit for payment expires but before the IPEA/EP has despatched the invitation (Form PCT/IPEA/440) to the applicant, the payment is considered to have been received in time.

Rule 58bis.1(c)

Failure to pay the missing amount and the late payment fee within the time limit set in the invitation (Form PCT/IPEA/440) will result in the demand being considered as if it had not been submitted, and the EPO will so declare (Form PCT/IPEA/407).

Rule 58bis.1(b)

If the applicant pays the fees after the time limit set in the invitation expires (Form PCT/IPEA/440) but before the IPEA/EP has despatched the notification that the demand is considered not to have been submitted (Form PCT/IPEA/407), the payment is considered to have been received in time and the demand will not be considered as if it had not been submitted.

Rule 58bis.1(d)

## **8. Reduction of fees**

### **8.1 Reduction of the international filing fee**

If one or more of the reductions mentioned below apply, the reduced amount should be indicated on the Fee Calculation Sheet which forms part of the PCT request form (PCT/RO/101).

#### **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.

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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).

#### **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.

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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