

Chapter III – Fees

1. General

Guidance for the payment of fees, expenses and prices is published in each issue of the EPO's Official Journal. Updated information relating to fees and methods of payment, including the EPO bank account for payments in euro, can also be found on the EPO website (www.epo.org) under: *Applying for a patent* → *Fees* → *International (PCT) fees*. Applicants are also recommended to consult the latest information available on the WIPO website.

2. Amounts of fees

The latest information about amounts can be found on both the EPO website (www.epo.org, under *Applying for a patent* → *Fees* → *International (PCT) fees* → *Fees for international applications*) and the WIPO website (wipo.int, under *IP Services* → *PCT – The International Patent System* → *PCT Fee Tables*).

In addition, the amounts of the fees to be paid to the EPO can be found in the EPO's Schedule of fees and expenses published in the Official Journal and accessible via the EPO website (www.epo.org, under *Law & practice* → *Legal texts* → *Official Journal*).

The amount of fees to be paid for the benefit of the International Bureau (IB) is fixed by WIPO in Swiss francs and is specified in the Schedule of Fees which is annexed to the PCT Regulations (PCT Schedule of Fees) and forms an integral part thereof. If these fees are paid to the EPO, they must be paid in euros. Due to changes in the exchange rate between the euro and the Swiss franc, the equivalent amount is changed from time to time. Current fee rates are published in the PCT Newsletter, in WIPO's Official Notices (PCT Gazette) and in the EPO's Official Journal.

Rule 96.1
PCT Schedule of
Fees

3. Methods of payment

Fee payments to the EPO may be validly made by anyone: applicants, agents and any other person.

Rules 14.1(c), 15.3,
16.1(f), 57.2, 96.1
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All fees which are to be paid to the EPO must be paid in euros:

- by payment or transfer to a bank account held by the EPO; or
- by credit card; or
- by debiting a deposit account held with the EPO on the basis of a debit order filed in an electronically processable format (XML) using one of the accepted electronic means of filing, i.e. the EPO Online Filing software, new online filing (CMS), the Online Fee Payment service, PCT-SAFE or ePCT. Details of this means of payment may be found in the Arrangements for deposit accounts (ADA) and their annexes, which can also be found on the EPO website (www.epo.org).

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and A73
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