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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of: ¹	All PCT Contracting States ²
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Any language ³
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	Any language; or English and any other language
Language in which the request may be filed:	Any language of publication
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ⁴	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing or EPO Online Filing ⁵
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

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¹ Applicants may file with the International Bureau only if the national security provisions allow filing of patent applications abroad. Compliance with such provisions is the applicant's responsibility and will not be checked by the International Bureau.

² The International Bureau is the only receiving Office for the following Contracting States: Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Guatemala, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Nigeria, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sri Lanka and United Arab Emirates.

³ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3). If the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into one of the languages of publication (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

⁴ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”). Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

⁵ In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service (<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html>), submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. For the relevant notifications by the International Bureau acting as receiving Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 11 February 2021, pages 23 *et seq.* and 8 December 2022, page 328.

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Any International Searching Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the international application had been filed with any other receiving Office of, or acting for, the PCT Contracting State of which the applicant (or, if there is more than one applicant, at least one of the applicants) is a national or resident^{6, 7} (see Annexes B1 and B2 for such other competent receiving Offices, Annex C for the corresponding competent International Searching Authorities, and below for the States for which the International Bureau acts instead of their national Offices pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b))

For nationals and residents of Angola: Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

For nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda: Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Barbados: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Dominica: Canadian Intellectual Property
Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Guatemala: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Kuwait: Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic: China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, Japan Patent Office (JPO) or Korean Intellectual Property Office

For nationals and residents of Madagascar: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

For nationals and residents of Nigeria: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office

For nationals and residents of Saint Lucia: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

For nationals and residents of Sri Lanka: Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

For nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office

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⁶ Where the applicant is a national or a resident of the United States of America, the availability of the European Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority is restricted. The limitation criteria also apply to applications filed by two or more applicants when at least one of them is a national or resident of the United States of America, and when none of them are nationals or residents of a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention. For details, see Annexes D(EP) and E(EP).

⁷ Where the applicant is a national or a resident of the United States of America, the Australian Patent Office may be chosen as the competent International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications only. For further details concerning which international applications this is restricted to, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 23 October 2008, pages 131 *et seq.*

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Preliminary Examining Authority:

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For nationals and residents of Angola: Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA),¹⁰ European Patent Office,¹¹ or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

For nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda: Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹⁰ or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Barbados: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office,¹² Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Dominica: Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹⁰ or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Guatemala: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office,¹³ National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile),¹⁰ Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Kuwait: Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic: China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA),¹⁰ European Patent Office,¹⁰ Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,¹⁰ Japan Patent Office (JPO)¹⁰ or Korean Intellectual Property Office

For nationals and residents of Madagascar: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office,¹² Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

For nationals and residents of Nigeria: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹⁰ or European Patent Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Saint Lucia: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office¹¹ or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

For nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office,¹⁰ European Patent Office¹⁰ or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹⁰

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⁸ See footnote 6.

⁹ See footnote 7.

¹⁰ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

¹¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

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Fees payable to the receiving Office: ¹⁵	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ¹⁶	CHF 100 or EUR 98 (104) ¹⁸ or USD 108 (101) ¹⁸
International filing fee: ¹⁷	CHF 1,330 or EUR 1,305(1,378) ¹⁸ or USD 1,437 (1,346) ¹⁸
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ^{17, 19}	CHF 15 or EUR 15 (16) ¹⁸ or USD 16 (15) ¹⁸
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	CHF 100 or EUR 98 (104) ¹⁸ or USD 108 (101) ¹⁸
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CHF 200 or EUR 196 (207) ¹⁸ or USD 216 (202) ¹⁸
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CHF 300 or EUR 294 (311) ¹⁸ or USD 324 (304) ¹⁸
Search fee:	For the amounts, see Annex D corresponding to International Searching Authority chosen by applicant
Fee for priority document: ²⁰	CHF 50 or EUR 49 (52) ¹⁸ or USD 54 (51) ¹⁸
	Supplement for airmail:
	CHF 10 or EUR 10 or USD 11 (10) ¹⁸
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any person who has the right to practice before the national (or regional) Office of, or acting for, a Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, any of the applicants is a resident or national, or, where the International Bureau acts as receiving Office pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), any natural or legal person

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¹⁵ For further details on the payment of fees see the WIPO web site at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/index.html#_methods.

¹⁶ Applicants who qualify for the 90% reduction of the international filing fee (see footnote 17) do not have to pay the transmittal fee.

¹⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

(a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below 25,000 US dollars (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US dollar 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; or

(b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

For further details of the applicability of the 90% reduction, see <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/> and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 5 March 2020, pages 45 *et seq.*, Schedule of Fees, item 5. It is to be noted that, if both the electronic filing reduction and the 90% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated after the electronic filing reduction.

¹⁸ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2023.

¹⁹ See footnote 4.

²⁰ No fee is due where the priority document is established, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b), for the purposes of an international application nor where the Office is requested to make priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (see Annex B).

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes²¹

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes²¹

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

²¹ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).