

Platform Formalities Officers - Examination 2019

Tuesday 21 May 2019

Exam starts: 2.00 pm / Exam ends: 5.00 pm

1. The Examination 2019 comprises 20 multiple choice questions and 4 open cases
2. You should attempt all questions
3. Please write clearly, as it is difficult to award marks to illegible answers
4. The Examination consists of 26 pages
5. In addition you are provided with
 - Answer sheets (9 pages)
 - Calendars 2018, 2019 and 2020
 - Official Holidays 2018/2019 OCNL, WIPO, BOIP and EPO (6 pages)
 - PCT schedule of fees (7 pages)
 - PCT applicant's Guide (10 pages)
6. Please ensure your Examination Number is written on each page of your answer sheets and any forms submitted. **Please do NOT write your name on the answer sheets**
7. When you have finished your exam, we would request you to place all answer sheets including the colored paper (name, number and signature) in the envelope and to seal the envelop.

Marking

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|----------------------------|---|
| Multiple choice questions: | 3 marks per multiple choice question (20 questions) |
| Case 1: | 11.5 marks |
| Case 2: | 12,5 marks |
| Case 3: | 10 marks |
| Case 4: | 6 marks |

Answer sheet - 1

Multiple choice questions:

Mark the correct answer with an X in box **A, B, C** or **D**

| | A | B | C | D | |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Question 1. | | | | | |
| Question 2. | | | | | |
| Question 3. | | | | | |
| Question 4. | | | | | |
| Question 5. | | | | | |
| Question 6. | | | | | |
| Question 7. | | | | | |
| Question 8. | | | | | |
| Question 9. | | | | | |
| Question 10. | | | | | |
| Question 11. | | | | | |
| Question 12. | | | | | |
| Question 13. | | | | | |
| Question 14. | | | | | |
| Question 15. | | | | | |
| Question 16. | | | | | |
| Question 17. | | | | | |
| Question 18. | | | | | |
| Question 19. | | | | | |
| Question 20. | | | | | |

Answer sheet - 2

Case 1:

Lined area for writing the answer to Case 1.

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Case 2:

Answer sheet - 9

Case 4:

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| 1: | |
| 2: | |
| 3: | |
| 4: | |
| 5: | |
| 6: | |
| 7: | |
| 8: | |

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|----|--|
| A: | |
| B: | |
| C: | |
| D: | |

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PCT Fee Tables

(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

The following Tables show the amounts and currencies of the main PCT fees which are payable to the receiving Offices (ROs) and the International Preliminary Examining Authorities (IPEAs) during the international phase under Chapter I (Tables I(a) and I(b)) and under Chapter II (Table II). Fees which are payable only in particular circumstances are not shown; nor are details of certain reductions and refunds which may be available; such information can be found in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes C, D and E. Note that all amounts are subject to change due to variations in the fees themselves or fluctuations in exchange rates. The international filing fee may be reduced by CHF 100, 200 or 300 where the international application, or part of the international application, is filed in electronic form, as prescribed under Item 4(a), (b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the Regulations under the PCT) and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, paragraph 5.189. A 90% reduction in the international filing fee (including the fee per sheet over 30), the supplementary search handling fee and the handling fee, as well as an exemption from the transmittal fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, is also available to applicants from certain States—see footnotes 2 and 14. (Note that if the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction, as the case may be, and the 90% reduction are applicable, the 90% reduction is calculated **after** the CHF 100, 200 or 300 reduction.) The footnotes to the Fee Tables follow Table II.

Key to abbreviations used in fee tables:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|---|-----|------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| eq | equivalent of – | BHD | Bahraini dinar | GHS | Ghanaian cedi | MAD | Moroccan dirham | SGD | Singapore dollar |
| IA | international application | BND | Brunei dollar | GTQ | Guatemalan quetzal | MKD | Macedonian denar | THB | Baht |
| IPEA | International Preliminary Examining Authority | BRL | Brazilian real | HRK | Croatian kuna | MWK | Malawian kwacha | TJS | Tajik somoni |
| ISA | International Searching Authority | BZD | Belize dollar | HUF | Hungarian forint | MYR | Malaysian ringgit | TND | Tunisian dinar |
| ISR | international search report | CAD | Canadian dollar | IDR | Indonesian rupiah | NOK | Norwegian krone | TRY | Turkish Lira |
| RO | receiving Office | CHF | Swiss franc | ILS | New Israeli sheqel | NZD | New Zealand dollar | TTD | Trinidad and Tobago dollar |
| | | CLP | Chilean peso | INR | Indian rupee | OMR | Omani rial | UAH | Ukrainian hryvnia |
| | | CNY | Yuan renminbi | IRR | Iranian rial | PEN | Nuevo sol | USD | US dollar |
| | | COP | Colombian peso | ISK | Icelandic krona | PGK | Kina | UZS | Uzbek sum |
| | | CUC | Cuban convertible peso | JOD | Jordanian dinar | PHP | Philippine peso | VND | Vietnamese dong |
| | | CZK | Czech koruna | JPY | Japanese yen | PLN | Polish zloty | XAF | CFA franc BEAC |
| | | DJF | Djibouti franc | KES | Kenyan shilling | QAR | Qatari riyal | ZAR | South African rand |
| | | DKK | Danish krone | KPW | Won (KP) | RON | New leu | ZWD | Zimbabwe dollar |
| | | DZD | Algerian dinar | KRW | Won (KR) | RSD | Serbian dinar | | |
| | | EGP | Egyptian pound | KZT | Kazakh tenge | RUB | Russian rouble | | |
| | | EUR | Euro | LSL | Lesotho loti | SDG | Sudanese pound | | |
| | | GBP | Pound sterling | LYD | Libyan dinar | SEK | Swedish krona | | |

Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees

(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1, 2} (CHF 1,330) | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} (CHF 15) | | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ | |
|----|--|------------------------------|---|-------|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | Item 4(a) ⁵ (CHF 100) | Item 4(b) ⁶ (CHF 200) | Item 4(c) ⁷ (CHF 300) | | |
| AG | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | CA EP | |
| AL | ALL | 9,000 | CHF | 1,330 | 15 | – | – | – | EP | | |
| AM | AMD | 32,000 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | – | – | – | EP RU | | |
| AP | USD | 50 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | – | – | – | AT EP SE | | |
| | (or eq in local currency) | | | | | | | | | | |
| AT | EUR | 52 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP | | |
| AU | AUD | 200 | AUD | 1,871 | 21 | – | 281 | 422 | AU KR | | |
| AZ | AZN | 35.40 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | EP RU | | |
| BA | BAM | 50 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | – | – | – | EP | | |
| BG | BGN | 80 | BGN eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | EP RU | | |
| BH | BHD | 70 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | – | – | – | AT EP US | | |
| BN | BND | 150 | BND eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP JP SG | | |
| BR | BRL ⁸ | online: 175 on paper: 260 | BRL eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AT BR EP SE US | | |
| BW | USD | 32 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | – | – | – | EP | | |
| BY | USD | 50 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | – | – | – | EP RU | | |
| BZ | BZD | 300 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | – | – | – | CA EP | | |
| CA | CAD | 300 | CAD | 1,730 | 20 | – | 260 | 390 | CA | | |
| CH | CHF | 100 | CHF | 1,330 | 15 | – | 200 | 300 | EP | | |
| CL | CLP eq USD ⁹ | 130 | CLP eq USD ⁹ | 1,352 | eq USD ⁹ 15 | – | eq USD 203 | eq USD 305 | CL EP ES KR US | | |
| CN | CNY | none ¹⁰ | CNY eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | CN | | |
| CO | COP online: 400,000 on paper: 480,000 | | COP eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AT BR CL EP ES KR RU | | |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | | International filing fee ^{1, 2} | | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} | | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|-------------------------------|---|--|---------|--|-------|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Item 4(a) ⁵ | Item 4(b) ⁶ | Item 4(c) ⁷ | |
| CR | USD | 250 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | CL EP ES |
| CU | CUC | 200 | CUC | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | AT BR CL EP ES RU |
| CY | EUR | 191 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | – | – | EP |
| CZ | CZK | 1,500 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP XV |
| DE | EUR | 90 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP |
| DJ | USD | 100 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | – | – | AT EG EP |
| | or eq DJF | | | | | | | | | |
| DK | DKK | 1,500 | DKK | 8,710 | 100 | 100 | – | 1,310 | 1,970 | EP SE XN |
| DM | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| DO | USD | 275 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | CL EP ES US |
| DZ | DZD | None | CHF | 1,330 | 15 | 15 | – | 200 | 300 | AT EP |
| EA | RUB | 1,600 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | EP RU |
| EC | USD | – ¹¹ | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | – | – | CL EP ES |
| EE | EUR | 120 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP |
| EG | USD | 142 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | AT EG EP US |
| EP | EUR | 130 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | 88 | 176 | 264 | EP |
| ES | EUR | 74.25 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP ES |
| FI | EUR | 135 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP FI SE |
| FR | EUR | 62 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP |
| GB | GBP | 75 | GBP | 1,037 | 12 | 12 | – | 156 | 234 | EP |
| GD | Information not yet available | | | | | | | | | |
| GE | USD ¹² | 100 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | AT EP IL RU US |
| GH | GHS ¹³ | 2,500 or 5,000 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | – | – | AT AU CN EP SE |
| GR | EUR | 115 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | – | – | EP |
| GT | GTQ eq USD | 250 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | – | – | AT BR CL EP ES US |
| HN | USD | 200 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | – | – | EP ES |
| HR | HRK | 200 | HRK eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF | 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | EP |
| HU | HUF | 11,800 | HUF | 377,400 | 4,300 | 4,300 | – | 56,800 | 85,100 | EP XV |
| IB | CHF ¹⁴ | 100 | CHF | 1,330 | 15 | 15 | – | 200 | 300 | See footnote 15 |
| | or EUR ¹⁴ | 88 | or EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | |
| | or USD ¹⁴ | 102 | or USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | |
| ID | IDR | 1,000,000 | IDR eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF | 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP JP KR RU SG |
| IE | EUR | 76 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | – | – | EP |
| IL | ILS | 550 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | EP IL US |
| | ILS | 557 | | | | | | | | |
| IN | INR | 17,600 (paper filing) ¹⁶ | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | AT AU CN EP IN SE US |
| | INR | 16,000 (e-filing) ¹⁶ | | | | | | | | |
| IR | IRR | 50,000 (natural persons) | IRR eq CHF | 1,330 | eq CHF | 15 | – | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | CN EP IN RU |
| | IRR | 500,000 (legal persons) | | | | | | | | |
| IS | ISK | 17,300 | ISK | 163,600 | 1,800 | 1,800 | – | 24,600 | 36,900 | EP SE XN |
| IT | EUR | 30.99 | EUR | 1,169 | 13 | 13 | – | 176 | 264 | EP |
| JO | USD | 100 or eq JOD | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | 203 | 305 | AT AU EP US |
| JP | JPY | 10,000 ¹⁷ | JPY | 154,000 | 1,700 | 1,700 | – | – | 34,700 | EP JP SG |
| KE | USD | 250 (or KES equiv) plus cost of mailing | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | (from 1.4.19: 203) | (from 1.4.19: 305) | AT AU CN EP SE |
| KG | | None | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | – | – | EP RU |
| KH | USD | 100 | USD | 1,352 | 15 | 15 | – | – | – | CN EP JP SG |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

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| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | International filing fee ^{1, 2} | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|--|--|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Item 4(a) ⁵ | Item 4(b) ⁶ | Item 4(c) ⁷ | |
| KN | Information not yet available | | | | | | EP |
| KP | KPW eq CHF 50 | KPW eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | AT CN RU |
| KR | KRW 45,000 | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | — | 300 | AT AU JP ¹⁸ KR |
| KZ | KZT 10,264.80 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP RU |
| LR | USD 45 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | AT AU CN EP SE |
| LS | LSL — ¹¹ | LSL eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | AT EP |
| LT | EUR 92 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP RU XV |
| LU | EUR 19 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | — | — | EP |
| LV | EUR 70 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP RU |
| LY | LYD — ¹¹ | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | — | — | AT EP |
| MA | MAD 600 ¹⁹ | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | 200 | 300 | AT EP RU SE |
| MD | EUR 100 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP RU |
| ME | EUR — ¹¹ | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | — | — | EP |
| MK | MKD 2,700 | MKD eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | EP |
| MN | None | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | — | — | EP KR RU |
| MT | EUR 55 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | — | — | EP |
| MW | MWK 6,000 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP |
| MX | USD 323.70 ²⁰ | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | 203 | 305 | AT CL EP ES KR SE SG US |
| MY | MYR 500 (e-filing) ²¹ 550 (paper filing) ²¹ | MYR eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | AU EP JP KR |
| NI | USD 200 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP ES |
| NL | EUR 50 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP |
| NO | NOK 800 | NOK 11,030 | 120 | — | 1,660 | 2,490 | EP SE XN |
| NZ | NZD 207 | NZD 2,044 | 23 | — | 307 | 461 | AU EP KR US |
| OA | XAF — ¹¹ | XAF eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | AT EP RU SE |
| OM | OMR 40 | OMR eq USD 1,352 | eq USD 15 | — | eq USD 203 | eq USD 305 | ATAU EG EP US |
| PA | USD 200 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | 203 | 305 | BR CL EP ES US |
| PE | PEN 233.35 | PEN eq USD 1,352 | eq USD 15 | — | eq USD 203 | eq USD 305 | AT BR CL EP ES KR US |
| PG | PGK 250 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | AU |
| PH | PHP 4,200 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | 203 | 305 | AU EP JP KR US |
| PL | PLN 300 | PLN eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | eq CHF 200 | eq CHF 300 | EP XV |
| PT | EUR 10.67 (online filing) EUR 21.33 (paper filing) | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP |
| QA | QAR 400 | QAR eq USD 1,352 | eq USD 15 | — | eq USD 203 | eq USD 305 | EG EP US |
| RO | RON 466 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP RU |
| RS | RSD 7,700 ²² | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP |
| RU | RUB 1,700 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | 203 | 305 | EP RU |
| RW | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| SA | USD 100 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | 203 | 305 | CA EG EP KR RU |
| SC | USD — ¹¹ | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP |
| SD | SDG 50 | SDG eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | EG EP |
| SE | SEK 1,200 | SEK 12,100 | 140 | — | 1,820 | 2,730 | EP SE XN |
| SG | SGD 150 | SGD 1,854 | 21 | — | 279 | 418 | AT AU EP JP KR SG |
| SI | EUR 91 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP |
| SK | EUR 66 ²³ | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | 176 | 264 | EP XV |
| SM | EUR 100 | EUR 1,169 | 13 | — | — | — | EP |
| SV | None ²⁴ | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | CL EP ES |

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Table I(a) — Transmittal and international filing fees [continued]

(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

| RO | Transmittal fee ¹ | International filing fee ^{1, 2} | Fee per sheet over 30 ^{1, 2, 3} | E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees: | | | Competent ISA(s) ⁴ |
|----|--|--|--|--|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Item 4(a) ⁵ | Item 4(b) ⁶ | Item 4(c) ⁷ | |
| SY | USD — ¹¹ | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | AT EG EP RU |
| TH | THB 3,000 | THB eq CHF 1,330 | eq CHF 15 | — | — | — | AU CN EP JP KR SG US |
| TJ | TJS — ¹¹ | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP RU |
| TM | USD — ¹¹ | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP RU |
| TN | TND — ¹¹ | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | — | — | EP |
| TR | None | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | 200 | 300 | EP TR |
| TT | TTD 750 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | AT CL EP SE US |
| UA | UAH (or eq EUR or USD) ²⁵ 1,300 | USD (or eq UAH or EUR) 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP RU UA |
| UG | Information not yet available | | | | | | |
| US | USD 240 ²⁶ small entity ²⁷ : 120 ²⁶ micro entity ²⁷ : 60 ²⁶ | USD 1,352 | 15 | 102 | 203 | — | AU EP IL JP KR RU SG US |
| UZ | UZS 306,830 ²⁸ | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | EP RU |
| VN | VND 300,000 | CHF 1,330 | 15 | — | — | — | AT AU EP JP KR RU SE SG |
| ZA | ZAR 500 | ZAR 19,200 | 220 | — | 2,890 | 4,330 | AT AU EP US |
| ZM | USD 50 | USD 1,352 | 15 | — | — | — | AT SE |
| ZW | ZWD 6,000 | ZWD eq USD 1,352 | eq USD 15 | — | — | — | AT AU CN EP RU |

Table I(b) — Search fees

(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| AT ²⁹ | EUR 1,775 | CHF 2,020 | KRW 2,279,000 | SGD 2,820 | USD 2,053 | ZAR 29,160 | | |
| AU | AUD 2,200 USD 1,589 | CHF 1,564 ZAR 22,570 | EUR 1,374 | KRW 1,768,000 | NZD 2,403 | SGD 2,180 | | |
| BR ⁸ | Online: * (from 1.5.19: On paper: * (from 1.5.19: | BRL 1,685 CHF 452 BRL 2,525 CHF 677) | CHF* 427 CHF* 640 | EUR 398 EUR 596 | USD 454 USD 680 | | | |
| CA | CAD 1,600 | CHF 1,230 | EUR 1,081 | USD 1,250 | | | | |
| CL | USD 2,000 In case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : In case of filing by a university ³⁰ : | CHF 1,968 USD 300 | EUR 1,729 CHF 295 | USD 400 EUR 259 | CHF 394 EUR 259 | EUR 346 | | |
| CN | CNY 2,100 | CHF 301 | EUR 264 | USD 306 | | | | |
| EG ³¹ | EGP 4,000 | CHF 219 | EUR 193 | USD 223 | | | | |
| EP ³² | EUR 1,775 JPY* 234,000 ZAR 29,160 | CHF 2,020 NOK 16,760 *(from 1.4.19: | DKK 13,230 NZD 3,105 JPY 221,700) | GBP 1,576 SEK 18,380 | HUF 573,200 SGD 2,820 | ISK 249,900 USD 2,053 | | |
| ES ³² | EUR 1,775 | CHF 2,020 | USD 2,053 | | | | | |
| FI | EUR 1,775 | CHF 2,020 | USD 2,053 | | | | | |
| IL | ILS 3,567 | CHF 948 | EUR 842 | USD 963 | | | | |
| IN | INR 10,000 In case of filing by an individual: INR 2,500 | CHF 134 CHF 34 | EUR 118 EUR 30 | USD 137 USD 34 | | | | |
| JP ¹⁷ | For IAs in Japanese: JPY 70,000 *(from 1.4.19: For IAs in English: JPY 156,000 *(from 1.4.19: | CHF 604 EUR 560 CHF 1,347 EUR 1,249) | EUR* 531 EUR* 1,183 | KRW 683,000 SGD 1,878 | USD 614 USD 1,369 | | | |

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Table I(b) — Search fees [continued]
(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Search fee ¹ | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|--------|
| KR | For IAs in Korean: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KRW | 450,000 | AUD | 560 | CHF | 398 | EUR | 350 | NZD | 612 | SGD | 555 |
| | USD | 405 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | For IAs in English: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | KRW | 1,300,000 | AUD | 1,618 | CHF | 1,150 | EUR | 1,010 | NZD | 1,767 | SGD | 1,603 |
| | USD | 1,169 | | | | | | | | | | |
| RU | For IAs in Russian: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | RUB | 8,500 | CHF | 128 | EUR | 112 | USD | 130 | | | | |
| | For IAs in English: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | RUB | 40,000 | CHF | 602 | EUR | 529 | USD | 612 | | | | |
| SE | SEK | 18,380 | CHF | 2,020 | DKK | 13,230 | EUR | 1,775 | ISK | 249,900 | NOK | 16,760 |
| | USD | 2,053 | | | | | | | | | | |
| SG | SGD | 2,240 | CHF | 1,607 | EUR | 1,412 | JPY | 186,100 | USD | 1,633 | | |
| TR | TRY | 12,210 | CHF | 2,020 | EUR | 1,775 | USD | 2,053 | | | | |
| UA | For IAs in Ukrainian or Russian: | | | | EUR | 100 | CHF | 114 | USD | 116 | | |
| | For IAs in English, French or German: | | | | EUR | 300 | CHF | 341 | USD | 347 | | |
| US | USD | 2,080 | CHF | 2,046 | EUR | 1,798 | NZD | 3,145 | ZAR | 29,540 | | |
| | For small entity ²⁷ : | | USD | 1,040 | CHF | 1,023 | EUR | 899 | NZD | 1,573 | ZAR | 14,770 |
| | For micro entity ²⁷ : | | USD | 520 | CHF | 512 | EUR | 450 | NZD | 786 | ZAR | 7,390 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| XN | DKK | 13,230 | CHF | 2,020 | EUR | 1,775 | ISK | 249,900 | NOK | 16,760 | SEK | 18,380 |
| | USD | 2,053 | | | | | | | | | | |
| XV | EUR | 1,775 | CHF | 2,020 | HUF | 573,200 | USD | 2,053 | | | | |

Table I(c) — Supplementary search fees
(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

| ISA | Supplementary search fee | Supplementary search handling fee ^{2, 33} |
|-----|---|--|
| AT | – for a search of German-language documentation: CHF 967 | CHF 200 |
| | – for a search of European and North American documentation: CHF 1,354 | |
| | – for a search of PCT minimum documentation: CHF 1,935 | |
| | | |
| EP | CHF 2,020 | CHF 200 |
| FI | CHF 2,020 | CHF 200 |
| RU | CHF 178 | CHF 200 |
| | CHF 284 ³⁴ | |
| SE | CHF 2,020 | CHF 200 |
| SG | CHF 1,607 | CHF 200 |
| TR | – for a full search: CHF 2,020 | CHF 200 |
| | – for a search only of documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 83 | |
| UA | – for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 102 | CHF 200 |
| | – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 102 | |
| | – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 80 | |
| | – for a search where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv): CHF 68 | |
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| XN | – for a full search: CHF 2,020 | CHF 200 |
| | – for searches only of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish: CHF 611 | |
| XV | – for a full search: CHF 2,020 | CHF 200 |
| | – for searches only of documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 626 | |

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Table II — Preliminary examination fees

(amounts on 1 March 2019, unless otherwise indicated)

| IPEA | Preliminary examination fee ³⁵ | | | Handling fee ^{2,35} (CHF 200) | |
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| AT | EUR ²⁹ | 1,749 | | EUR | 176 |
| AU | AUD | 590 | 820 ³⁶ | AUD | 281 |
| BR | Online: BRL ⁸ | 630 | | BRL eq CHF | 200 |
| | On paper: BRL ⁸ | 945 | | | |
| CA | CAD | 800 | | CAD | 260 |
| CL | USD | 1,500 | | USD | 203 |
| | in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity ² : USD 400 | | | | |
| | in case of filing by a university ³⁰ : USD 300 | | | | |
| CN | CNY | 1,500 | | CNY eq CHF | 200 |
| EG | EGP | 3,000 | | USD | 203 |
| EP | EUR ³² | 1,830 | | EUR | 176 |
| ES | EUR ³² | 583.65 | | EUR | 176 |
| FI | EUR | 600 | | EUR | 176 |
| IL | ILS | 1,529 | | ILS | 739 |
| IN | if ISR prepared by ISA/IN: INR 10,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 2,500 if ISR not prepared by ISA/IN: INR 12,000; in case of filing by individual: INR 3,000 | | | USD | 203 |
| JP | For IAs in Japanese: JPY | 26,000 ¹⁷ | | JPY | 23,200 |
| | For IAs in English: JPY | 58,000 | | | |
| KR | KRW | 450,000 | | KRW | 226,000 |
| RU | For IAs in Russian: RUB | 4,500 ³⁷ | 6,750 ³⁸ | USD | 203 |
| | For IAs in English: RUB | 16,000 ³⁷ | 24,000 ³⁸ | | |
| SE | SEK | 5,000 | | SEK | 1,820 |
| SG | SGD | 830 | | SGD | 279 |
| TR | TRY | 1,000 | | CHF | 200 |
| UA | If the ISR has been prepared by ISA/UA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 160 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 50 If the ISR has been prepared by another ISA: – for IAs in English, French or German: EUR 180 – for IAs in Russian or Ukrainian: EUR 70 | | | EUR | 176 |
| US | USD | 600 | 760 ³⁹ | USD | 203 |
| | For small entity ²⁷ : USD | 300 | 380 ³⁹ | | |
| | For micro entity ²⁷ : USD | 150 | 190 ³⁹ | | |
| XN | DKK | 5,000 | | DKK | 1,310 |
| XV | EUR | 900 | | EUR | 176 |

[See over page for footnotes to fee tables]

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Footnotes to fee tables:

- 1 Payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 2 This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant fulfills the criteria indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees. Note that the PCT Assembly adopted an Understanding, with effect from 11 October 2017, which clarifies that this fee reduction 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.
- 3 Where the IA contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C, paragraph 40, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF), fees are due for each page (see *PCT Newsletter* No. 06/2009, page 2 at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/newslett/2009/newslett_09.pdf).
- 4 For the search fee payable to the receiving Office, consult the entry in Table I(b) for the competent International Searching Authority.
- 5 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format.
- 6 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request being in character coded format.
- 7 If the IA is filed in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format.
- 8 This fee is reduced by 60% where the IA is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.
- 9 When calculating the USD equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.
- 10 The collection of the CNY 500 transmittal fee was suspended by the Office as from 1 August 2018 and the applicant is not required to pay this fee from that date.
- 11 The amount of this fee is not yet known. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.
- 12 This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and by 90% where the applicant is a student or a retiree.
- 13 The first amount of the transmittal fee is applicable to individuals or entities employing less than 25 persons. The second amount is applicable to entities employing 25 persons or more.
- 14 This fee is not payable in respect of IAs filed by applicants fulfilling the conditions indicated on the PCT website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees.
- 15 The competent International Searching Authority(ies) for an IA filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office is (are) the Authority(ies) which would have been competent if the IA had been filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Contracting State of which the applicant (or any of the applicants) is a resident or national. See also *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (IB).
- 16 The fee for a natural person and/or a startup is INR 3,500 (paper filing), INR 3,200 (electronic filing); the fee for a small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or a startup is INR 8,800 (paper filing), INR 8,000 (electronic filing).
- 17 This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by a small-sized sole proprietorship, a sole proprietorship that commenced business less than ten years ago, a small-sized enterprise, or a small or medium-sized enterprise that has been established less than ten years. For further details, see: www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm
- 18 The Japan Patent Office is competent only for IAs filed in Japanese.
- 19 This fee is reduced by 50% where the IA is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT (for the list of States see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees).
- 20 This fee is subject to a national tax of 16%.
- 21 Plus MYR 60 for each sheet in excess of 30 for electronic filings, and MYR 70 for each sheet in excess of 30 for paper filings.
- 22 This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person.
- 23 This fee is reduced by 50% if the IA is filed in fully-electronic form.
- 24 Although there is no transmittal fee payable, the applicable must nevertheless pay the postage fee for the transmittal of the copy of the international application to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority.
- 25 This fee is reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fee is payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fee is reduced by 90%.
- 26 Plus non-electronic filing fee portion for IAs filed other than by the Office electronic filing system of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small entities or micro entities: USD 200.
- 27 For further details about entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status and "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR § 1.27 and 1.29 (pages R-41 and R-47), respectively, at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
- 28 Reductions may apply – for further details see the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz.ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>
- 29 The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority (in the case of the search fee)/International Preliminary Examining Authority (in the case of the preliminary examination fee).
- 30 Applicable where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b)). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction, see: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees
- 31 The search fee payable to the Office is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".
- 32 The search and preliminary examination fees payable to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office are reduced by 75% under certain conditions. For further information, see the relevant footnote in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annexes D (EP and ES) and E (EP and ES) at: www.wipo.int/pct/guide/en/index.html
- 33 Payable to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.
- 34 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
- 35 Payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by it.
- 36 Payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.
- 37 Payable when the international search report was established by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation).
- 38 In all cases where footnote 37 does not apply.
- 39 Payable when the international search was not carried out by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (provided that the USPTO is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority in the particular case—see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex C (US)).

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| Monday | 2 April 2018 | Easter Monday |
| Thursday | 10 May 2018 | Ascension Day |
| Friday | 11 May 2018 | Closing Day |
| Monday | 21 May 2018 | Whit Monday |
| Monday | 24 December 2018 | Closing Day |
| Tuesday | 25 December 2018 | Christmas |
| Wednesday | 26 December 2018 | Boxing Day |
| Monday | 31 December | Closing Day |

Days in 2018 on which the Office is deemed to be closed in connection with determining compliance with terms and deadlines.

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| Tuesday | 2 January 2018 | |
| Friday | 27 April 2018 | King's Day the Netherlands |
| Tuesday | 1 May 2018 | Labour Day |
| Wednesday | 15 August 2018 | Assumption Day |
| Thursday | 1 November 2018 | All Saints |
| Friday | 2 November 2018 | All Souls Day |
| Thursday | 15 November 2018 | King's Day Belgium |

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| Thursday | 6 September 2018 | Jeune Genevois |
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| Tuesday | 1 May 2018 | Labour Day |
| Thursday | 10 May 2018 | Ascension Day |
| Monday | 21 May 2018 | Whit Monday |
| Wednesday | 3 October 2018 | Day of German Unity |
| Thursday | 1 November 2018 | All Saint's Day |
| Monday | 24 December 2018 | Christmas Eve |
| Tuesday | 25 December 2018 | Christmay Day |
| Wednesday | 26 December 2018 | Boxing Day |
| Thursday | 27 December 2018 | Bridging Day |
| Friday | 28 December 2018 | Bridging Day |
| Monday | 31 December 2018 | New Year's Eve |

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| Monday | 1 January 2018 | New Year's Day |
| Friday | 30 March 2018 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 2 April 2018 | Easter Monday |
| Friday | 27 April 2018 | National Holiday |
| Tuesday | 1 May 2018 | Labour Day |
| Thursday | 10 May 2018 | Ascension Day |
| Monday | 21 May 2018 | Whit Monday |
| Thursday | 1 November 2018 | All Saint's Day |
| Monday | 24 December 2018 | Christmas Eve |
| Tuesday | 25 December 2018 | Christmay Day |
| Wednesday | 26 December 2018 | Boxing Day |
| Monday | 31 December 2018 | New Year's Eve |

Berlin

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| Monday | 1 January 2018 | New Year's Day |
| Friday | 30 March 2018 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 2 April 2018 | Easter Monday |
| Tuesday | 1 May 2018 | Labour Day |
| Thursday | 10 May 2018 | Ascension Day |
| Monday | 21 May 2018 | Whit Monday |
| Thursday | 1 November 2018 | All Saint's Day |
| Monday | 24 December 2018 | Christmas Eve |
| Tuesday | 25 December 2018 | Christmay Day |
| Wednesday | 26 December 2018 | Boxing Day |
| Thursday | 27 December 2018 | Bridging Day |
| Friday | 28 December 2018 | Bridging Day |
| Monday | 31 December 2018 | New Year's Eve |

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| Monday | 1 January 2018 | New Year's Day |
| Friday | 30 March 2018 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 2 April 2018 | Easter Monday |
| Tuesday | 1 May 2018 | Labour Day |
| Thursday | 10 May 2018 | Ascension Day |
| Monday | 21 May 2018 | Whit Monday |
| Friday | 26 October 2018 | National Holiday |
| Thursday | 1 November 2018 | All Saint's Day |
| Monday | 24 December 2018 | Christmas Eve |
| Tuesday | 25 December 2018 | Christmay Day |
| Wednesday | 26 December 2018 | Boxing Day |
| Thursday | 27 December 2018 | Bridging Day |
| Friday | 28 December 2018 | Bridging Day |
| Monday | 31 December 2018 | New Year's Eve |

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| Tuesday | 1 January 2019 | New Years's Day |
| Monday | 22 April 2019 | Easter Monday |
| Thursday | 30 May 2019 | Ascension Day |
| Friday | 31 May 2019 | Closing Day |
| Monday | 10 June 2019 | Whit Monday |
| Wednesday | 25 December 2019 | Christmas |
| Thursday | 26 December 2019 | Boxing Day |
| Friday | 27 December 2019 | Boxing Day |

Days in 2019 on which the Office is deemed to be closed in connection with determining compliance with terms and deadlines.

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| Wednesday | 2 January 2019 | |
| Wednesday | 1 May 2019 | Labour Day |
| Thursday | 9 May 2019 | Europe Day |
| Thursday | 15 August 2019 | Assumption Day |
| Friday | 1 November 2019 | All Saints |
| Friday | 15 November 2019 | King's Day Belgium |

WIPO

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| Tuesday | 1 January 2019 | New Year |
| Friday | 19 April 2019 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 22 April 2019 | Easter Monday |
| Thursday | 30 May 2019 | Ascension Day |
| Monday | 10 June 2019 | Whitsun |
| Thursday | 5 September 2019 | Jeune Genevois |
| Wednesday | 25 December 2019 | Christmas Day |
| Tuesday | 31 December 2019 | New Year |

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| Tuesday | 1 January 2019 | New Year |
| Friday | 19 April 2019 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 22 April 2019 | Easter Monday |
| Thursday | 30 May 2019 | Ascension Day |
| Friday | 31 May 2019 | day after Ascension Day |
| Monday | 10 June 2019 | Whit Monday |
| Wednesday | 25 December 2019 | Christmas |
| Thursday | 26 December 2019 | Christmas |
| Friday | 27 December 2019 | Boxing Day |

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EPO

EPO Munich

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| Friday | 19 April 2019 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 22 April 2019 | Easter Monday |
| Wednesday | 1 May 2019 | Labour Day |
| Thursday | 30 May 2019 | Ascension Day |
| Monday | 10 June 2019 | Whit Monday |
| Thursday | 20 June 2019 | Corpus Christi |
| Thursday | 15 August 2019 | Assumption Day |
| Thursday | 3 October 2019 | Day of German Unity |
| Friday | 1 November 2019 | All Saint's Day |
| Tuesday | 24 December 2019 | Christmas Eve |
| Wednesday | 25 December 2019 | Christmay Day |
| Thursday | 26 December 2019 | Boxing Day |
| Friday | 27 December 2019 | Bridging Day |
| Monday | 30 December 2019 | Bridging Day |
| Tuesday | 31 December 2019 | New Year's Eve |

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| Friday | 19 April 2019 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 22 April 2019 | Easter Monday |
| Wednesday | 1 May 2019 | Labour Day |
| Thursday | 30 May 2019 | Ascension Day |
| Monday | 10 June 2019 | Whit Monday |
| Tuesday | 24 December 2019 | Christmas Eve |
| Wednesday | 25 December 2019 | Christmay Day |
| Thursday | 26 December 2019 | Boxing Day |
| Friday | 27 December 2019 | Bridging Day |
| Monday | 30 December 2019 | Bridging Day |
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| Tuesday | 24 December 2019 | Christmas Eve |
| Wednesday | 25 December 2019 | Christmay Day |
| Thursday | 26 December 2019 | Boxing Day |
| Friday | 27 December 2019 | Bridging Day |
| Monday | 30 December 2019 | Bridging Day |
| Tuesday | 31 December 2019 | New Year's Eve |

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| Monday | 10 June 2019 | Whit Monday |
| Thursday | 20 June 2019 | Corpus Christi |
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| Monday | 30 December 2019 | Bridging Day |
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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 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, 5} | Yes, the Office accepts XML and PDF files filed using ePCT-Filing, PCT-SAFE or EPO Online Filing. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R |
| 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, Barbados, 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 preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁵ For the relevant notification by the International Bureau acting as receiving Office, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 8 May 2014, page 61.

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Searching Authority:

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, European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) or National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)

For nationals and residents of Barbados: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Swedish Patent and Registration 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: European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office or National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)

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

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 Patent and Registration Office

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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Examining Authority:

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For nationals and residents of Angola: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office¹⁰, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) or National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)¹¹

For nationals and residents of Barbados: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office¹², Swedish Patent and Registration Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹¹

For nationals and residents of Kuwait: Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office¹¹

For nationals and residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic: European Patent Office¹¹, Japan Patent Office¹¹ or National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)¹¹

For nationals and residents of Madagascar: Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office¹², Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) or Swedish Patent and Registration Office

For nationals and residents of Nigeria: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹¹ or European Patent Office¹¹

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

For nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office¹¹, European Patent Office¹¹ or United States Patent and Trademark Office¹¹

For nationals and residents of Sri Lanka: Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office¹³, Korean Intellectual Property Office or Swedish Patent and Registration Office

For nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates: Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or [Korean Intellectual Property Office](#)

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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 or the Austrian Patent Office.

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

¹² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

¹³ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

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| Fees payable to the receiving Office: ¹⁴ | Currency: Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD) | | |
| Transmittal fee: ¹⁵ | CHF 100 | or EUR 88 | or USD 102 |
| International filing fee: ¹⁶ | CHF 1,330 | or EUR 1,169 | or USD 1,352 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ^{16, 17} | CHF 15 | or EUR 13 | or USD 15 |
| Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4): | | | |
| Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): | CHF 200 | or EUR 176 | or USD 203 |
| Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): | CHF 300 | or EUR 264 | or USD 305 |
| Search fee: | For the amounts, see Annex D corresponding to International Searching Authority chosen by applicant | | |
| Fee for priority document: ¹⁸ | CHF 50 | or EUR 44 | or USD 51 |
| | CHF 10 | or EUR 9 | or USD 10 |
| 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 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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¹⁴ For further details on the payment of fees see the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/modes.htm.

¹⁵ Applicants who qualify for the 90% reduction of the international filing fee (see footnote 16) do not have to pay the transmittal fee.

¹⁶ 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 www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/ and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 12 February 2015, pages 31 *et seq.*, Schedule of Fees, item 4. 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.

¹⁷ See footnote 4.

¹⁸ 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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IB*[Continued]***Waiver of power of attorney:**

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

Yes¹⁹

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?

Yes¹⁹

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

¹⁹ 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).

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| Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of: | Albania, Austria, Belgium, ¹ Bulgaria, ¹ Croatia, Cyprus, ¹ Czechia, Denmark, ¹ Estonia, Finland, ¹ France, ¹ Germany, ¹ Greece, ¹ Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, ¹ Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, ¹ Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, ¹ Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, ¹ Sweden, ¹ Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, ¹ United Kingdom ¹ |
| Language in which international applications may be filed: | English, French or German |
| Language in which the request may be filed: | English, French or German |
| Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office: | 1 |
| Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4} | Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via PCT-SAFE, EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service, the EPO case management system (CMS) or ePCT-Filing. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R if PCT-SAFE or EPO Online Filing are used. |
| Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)? | Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests |
| Competent International Searching Authority: | European Patent Office |
| Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority: | European Patent Office |

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¹ See, however, Annex B1 relating to that State as to the national requirements for compulsory filing with a national Office.

² 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”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 3 November 2016, pages 221 *et seq.*

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| Fees payable to the receiving Office: | Currency: Euro (EUR) |
| Transmittal fee: ⁵ | EUR 130 |
| International filing fee: ⁶ | EUR 1,169 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁶ | EUR 13 |
| Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4): | |
| Electronic filing (web-form filing): | EUR 88 |
| Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): | EUR 176 |
| Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): | EUR 264 |
| Search fee: | See Annex D(EP) |
| Fee for priority document: | EUR 50 |
| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): | EUR 640 |
| Is an agent required by the receiving Office? | <p>No, if the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention</p> <p>Yes, if he has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of those States</p> |
| Who can act as agent? | <p>Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Vienna, or consulted on the EPO web site)</p> <p>Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention and who has his place of business in that State</p> <p>Where an applicant wishes to appoint the professional representatives practising within an association of representatives registered with the EPO under Rule 152(11) EPC, the name of that association and its registration number are to be indicated in Box No. IV of the Request form</p> |

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⁵ See information for users on the availability of DOCX filing and changes to the filing fee, fee for grant and transmittal fee, OJ EPO 2018, A28.

⁶ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB))

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| Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of: | Albania, Austria, Belgium, ¹ Bulgaria, ¹ Croatia, Cyprus, ¹ Czechia, Denmark, ¹ Estonia, Finland, ¹ France, ¹ Germany, ¹ Greece, ¹ Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, ¹ Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, ¹ Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, ¹ Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, ¹ Sweden, ¹ Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, ¹ United Kingdom ¹ |
| Language in which international applications may be filed: | English, French or German |
| Language in which the request may be filed: | English, French or German |
| Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office: | 1 |
| Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4} | Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via PCT-SAFE, EPO Online Filing, the EPO web-form filing service, the EPO case management system (CMS) or ePCT-Filing. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R if PCT-SAFE or EPO Online Filing are used. |
| Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)? | Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests |
| Competent International Searching Authority: | European Patent Office |
| Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority: | European Patent Office |

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¹ See, however, Annex B1 relating to that State as to the national requirements for compulsory filing with a national Office.

² 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”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 3 November 2016, pages 221 *et seq.*

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| Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of: | Netherlands |
| Language in which international applications may be filed: | Dutch, English, French or German ¹ |
| Language in which the request may be filed: | English, French or German |
| Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office: | 1 |
| Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3, 4} | Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via EPO Online Filing. Offline filings may be furnished on CD-R. |
| Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)? | Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests |
| Competent International Searching Authority: | European Patent Office |
| Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority: | European Patent Office |

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¹ 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 English, French or German (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

² 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”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should preferably be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format. Where, however, such sequence listings are filed in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF) fees are due for each page (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notifications by the Office, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 11/2005, pages 7068 *et seq.* and *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 27 September 2018, page 300.

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| Fees payable to the receiving Office: | Currency: Euro (EUR) |
| Transmittal fee: | EUR 50 |
| International filing fee: | EUR 1,169 |
| Fee per sheet in excess of 30: | EUR 13 |
| Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4): | |
| Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): | EUR 176 |
| Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): | EUR 264 |
| Search fee: | See Annex D(EP) |
| Fee for priority document: | EUR 9 |
| Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): | EUR 161 |
| Is an agent required by the receiving Office? | No |
| Who can act as agent? | Any registered patent attorney or any registered lawyer. A list of professional representatives in the Netherlands is available in the Office. |
| Waiver of power of attorney: | |
| Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? | Yes ⁵ |
| Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required: | None |
| Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? | Yes ⁵ |
| Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required: | None |

⁵ 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). (10 January 2019)

Examination 2019 (25 pages)

Examination - 1

Question 1

Your firm is the agent for an International patent application that had become due for national entry.

The International patent application was filed on 13 September 2017 claiming priority of an application with a filing date of 17 October 2016.

Your client instructed you earlier to enter the regional phase in Europe and the national phase in the United States of America.

Today, the client calls and informs you that he additionally would like to enter the national phase in China and to enter the regional phase in Eurasia.

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- I. You can still enter the national phase in China during a 2-month grace period for the national entry, but you cannot enter the regional phase in Eurasia as a 30-month time limit is applicable.
 - II. You can still enter the national phase in China and the regional phase in Eurasia, by withdrawing the priority claim and entering the national/regional phase within 30 months from the International filing date.
- a. Only statement I is correct.
 - b. Only statement II is correct.
 - c. Statement I and II are both correct.
 - d. Both statements are wrong.

Examination - 2

Question 2

Today, a letter received from the International Bureau of WIPO was found dated 15 April 2019.

The letter was found on a desk of a colleague that has been ill for a while.

The letter is stamped as received on 19 April 2019 and invites your firm to pay a filing fee and a late payment fee. It is obvious there was a delay in delivering the letter.

Is it still possible to pay the fees?

- a. The time limit to pay the fee ended on 15 May 2019, but you will call the International Bureau of WIPO immediately to discuss what can still be done.
- b. The time limit to pay the fee ended on 19 May 2019, but you will call the International Bureau of WIPO immediately to discuss what can still be done.
- c. This is still possible; the payment can be made up to and including 22 May 2019.
- d. This is still possible; the payment can be made up to and including 25 May 2019.

Examination - 3

Question 3

A client from South Korea orders your firm to file an International patent application on his behalf. Furthermore, priority should be claimed of a European patent application. Your firm has no qualified European patent attorneys, only Dutch patent attorneys.

Which of these following statements is correct?

- a. You will have to file this International patent application with the Netherlands Patent Office as Receiving Office, and your attorney will be able to continue acting as an agent.
- b. Your firm cannot file this International patent application at any Receiving Office.
- c. You can file this International patent application with the International Bureau of WIPO, however your client must appoint an agent based in South Korea for the subsequent procedure.
- d. You will have to file this International patent application with the European Patent Office as Receiving Office, and your attorney will be able to continue acting as an agent.

Examination - 4

Question 4

Today, your firm has received an invitation from the European Patent Office acting as Receiving Office of an International patent application to respond within a period of 2 months.

The invitation is dated 13 May 2019.

What is the last day to respond?

- a. 13 July 2019
- b. 15 July 2019
- c. 22 July 2019
- d. 23 July 2019

Examination - 5

Question 5

You received an order to file an International patent application claiming priority of a US patent application dated 7 May 2018.

However, this case was entered in your surveillance system with an incorrect priority date of 5 July 2018.

The date was mixed up because of the date as given by your US client in the order letter; 05/07/2018.

Today, you find out that the case has not been filed yet.

Which of the following statements is correct?

- a. You can file the International patent application and request restoration of the right of priority based on intent at the European Patent Office as receiving office on 8 July 2019 at the latest.
- b. You can file the International patent application and request restoration of the right of priority based on intent at the International Bureau as receiving office on 8 July 2019 at the latest.
- c. You can file the International patent application and request restoration of the right of priority based on all due care and intent at the European Patent Office as receiving office on 5 September 2019 at the latest.
- d. You can file the International patent application and request restoration of the right of priority based on all due care and intent at the International Bureau as receiving office on 5 September 2019 at the latest.

Examination - 6

Question 6

The Mexican applicant Antonio Riba wants to enter the European regional phase with the International patent application number PCT/MX2015/201287 today. This International patent application was filed and published in the Spanish language without claiming any priority.

Antonio Riba is resident of Mexico.

Which of these following statements is correct?

- a. A translation of the International patent application must be filed with the EPO within two months from entry into the European phase.
- b. If a translation of the International patent application is not filed in due time, further processing cannot be requested.
- c. In proceedings before the EPO Antonio Riba must be represented by a professional representative.
- d. Antonio Riba is entitled to a reduction of the examination fee.

Examination - 7

Question 7

An International patent application was filed on 2 January 2019 at the European Patent Office as Receiving Office.

The International patent application claims priority of an earlier filed European patent application filed 12 months and 11 days earlier on 22 December 2017.

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- I. The International patent application is considered to be filed in time to validly claim priority of the earlier filed European patent application.
 - II. A copy of the priority application filed with the International Bureau at 2 May 2019 is considered to be filed in time.
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- a. Only statement I is correct.
 - b. Only statement II is correct.
 - c. Statement I and II are both correct.
 - d. Both statements are wrong.

Examination - 8

Question 8

An International patent application is filed today at the European Patent Office as Receiving Office. This International patent application claims priority of a US patent application filed on 21 May 2018.

No certified copy of the US priority application was furnished at the time of filing of the International patent application. Within the applicable time limit the applicant will furnish a copy of the priority document.

Which of the following acts cannot be used to furnish a copy of the priority document?

- a. Submitting a certified copy of the US priority application to the European Patent Office.
- b. Submitting a certified copy of the US priority application to the International Bureau.
- c. Requesting the US Patent Office to prepare and send a certified copy of the US priority application to the International Bureau.
- d. Submitting a valid Digital Access Service code to the International Bureau allowing the International Bureau to obtain a copy of the priority document.

Examination - 9

Question 9

A European patent application, filed on 10 May 2016, was granted on 2 April 2019.

After timely validation of this European patent in The Netherlands, what would have been or will be the last day for payment of the first renewal fee in The Netherlands, without paying any additional fee?

- a. 30 april 2019
- b. 31 May 2019
- c. 30 June 2019
- d. 1 July 2019

Examination - 10

Question 10

Today, you have received a search report from the Netherlands Patent Office with regard to your Dutch patent application NL1, filed 11 January 2018. The claimed priority is 23 February 2017.

What is the final date, without an extension, to file amendments?

- a. 11 July 2019
- b. 21 July 2019
- c. 22 July 2019
- d. 21 August 2019

Examination - 11

Question 11

A new colleague filed a European patent application on 7 May 2019. You notice that your colleague forgot to claim priority of a Dutch patent application filed 8 May 2018.

Is it still possible to validly add the priority claim today?

- a. No
- b. Yes, by means of further processing
- c. Yes, by means of reestablishment of rights, all due care has to be proven
- d. Yes, without the need for further processing or reestablishment of rights

Examination - 12

Question 12

A European patent application was filed, without claiming priority, with an application text referring to six drawings. However, no drawings were filed.

Which of the following statements is/are correct?

- I. The applicant may file the missing drawings within two months of receipt of an invitation by the European Patent Office to file the missing drawings; the application shall maintain its filing date.
 - II. The applicant may proceed further with the application without drawings; references to the drawings in the description shall be deemed to be deleted; the application shall maintain its filing date.
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- a. Only statement I is correct.
 - b. Only statement II is correct.
 - c. Statement I and II are both correct.
 - d. Both statements are wrong.

Examination - 13

Question 13

It is possible to request further processing of a European patent application, if an applicant fails to observe certain time limits vis-à-vis the European Patent Office.

Which of the following acts is excluded from further processing?

- a. Failure to file the translation of a European patent application that was filed in the Dutch language within the time limit identified in the invitation to rectify this deficiency.
- b. Failure to request examination of the European patent application within the prescribed time limit.
- c. Failure to respond to a communication under Art. 94(3) EPC within the prescribed time limit.
- d. Failure to pay the fee for grant and publishing within the prescribed time limit.

Examination - 14

Question 14

An International patent application entered the European phase and a supplementary European search report was drawn up and issued by the European Patent Office.

The applicant subsequently received a communication pursuant to Rules 70(2) and 70a(2) EPC, dated 25 April 2019.

The applicant is invited to indicate within six months of notification of the communication whether he wishes to proceed further with the European patent application and to comment on the objections raised in the opinion accompanying the European search report and/or to file amendments to the description, claims and drawings correcting any deficiencies noted in the opinion.

What is the last possible day to reply to this communication without using further processing?

- a. 25 October 2019
- b. 4 November 2019
- c. 5 November 2019
- d. 6 November 2019

Examination - 15

Question 15

Which of the following acts is not required within the time limit to validly file an admissible Notice of appeal?

- a. Indicating the name and address of the appellant
- b. Indicating the appealed decision
- c. Paying the appeal fee
- d. Indicating the facts and evidence on which the appeal is based

Examination - 16

Question 16

Which date is considered as the registration date of a Benelux designation in an International trademark registration?

- a. The date on which the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) publishes the statement of grant of protection, sent by the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP).
- b. The date on which the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) receives the statement of grant of protection, sent by the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP).
- c. The date on which the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) has sent the statement of grant of protection to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- d. The date of the second republication in the Benelux trademark bulletin.

Examination - 17

Question 17

As of 1 January 2018, the following procedural change has been introduced at the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

Which of these following statements is correct?

- a. A EU trademark application or renewal by fax is no longer accepted, except as a backup system if technical malfunctions prevent e-filing.
- b. A EU trademark application or renewal by fax is no longer accepted. There are no exceptions.
- c. Communication by 'electronic means' cover fax, meaning that communications by fax are accepted.
- d. Communication by 'electronic means' cover fax, meaning that the discounted fee for EU trademark applications and renewals applies to filings by fax.

Examination - 18

Question 18

You have filed a Community design application on 5 March 2014 claiming priority of a Benelux design application filed on 2 December 2013. Your Community design application was registered on 6 March 2014.

What was the last day for renewing this Community design registration without paying additional fees?

- a. 31 March 2019
- b. 1 April 2019
- c. 5 March 2019
- d. 6 March 2019

Examination - 19

Question 19

As of 1 January 2019, the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) adopted a new fee schedule by which official fees need to be paid per Nice class instead of one fee for the first three Nice classes.

The renewal deadline of your client's Benelux trademark registration, which is only registered for one class, is 29 May 2019.

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- I. It is possible to renew a Benelux trademark registration six months prior to the renewal deadline. This way the client had the option to renew under the old fee schedule or has the option to renew under the new fee schedule, making it possible to choose the most cost-efficient option.
 - II. The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) arranged for excess renewal fees to be refunded (as EUIPO did when changing the fee structure in 2016).
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- a. Only statement I is correct.
 - b. Only statement II is correct.
 - c. Statement I and II are both correct.
 - d. Both statements are wrong.

Examination - 20

Question 20

Below you will find some statements regarding domain names. Which of the following statements is correct?

- a. The registry is a database of all domain names, the registrar is the person, company or entity that holds the rights to a domain name and the registrant is the accredited party that may reserve or sell domain names.
- b. The registry is the accredited party that may reserve or sell domain names, the registrar is a database of all domain names and the registrant is the person, company or entity that holds the right to a domain name.
- c. The registry is a database of all domain names, the registrar is the accredited party that may reserve or sell domain names and the registrant is the person, company or entity that holds the rights to a domain name.
- d. The registry is the accredited party that may reserve or sell domain names, the registrar is the person, company or entity that holds the right to a domain name and the registrant is a database of all domain names.

Examination - 21

CASE 1

International application PCT-M was filed at the European Patent Office as Receiving Office in XML format on 26 August 2016 without claiming priority. PCT-M has 40 pages and 35 claims.

- a. Which fees are to be paid in respect of PCT-M to have it correctly processed without incurring additional fees? Calculate the total amount of the fees to be paid.
- b. Should the Receiving Office find defects in PCT-M, list three defects that do not influence the filing date?
- c. What happens when the Receiving Office finds defects that do not influence the filing date? If there is a time limit involved, include it in your answer.

All defects found by the Receiving Office were corrected by the applicant in time. The filing date of PCT-M was not affected. PCT-M was searched by the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority.

- d. What was the last date the applicant could have paid the search fee without incurring late payment fees?

In February 2017 the International Search Authority raised non-unity objections with respect to the subject-matter of claims 20 to 25 and claims 26 to 35 and invites the applicant to pay additional search fees. The applicant does not agree with the International Search Authority.

- e. Considering the applicant does not agree with the International Search Authority, what steps should the applicant take to object and still get an international search report on all claims?

Ultimately the applicant did not take further action and the International Searching Authority issued a partial search report covering claims 1-19.

- f. What is the time limit for the International Search Authority to establish an international search report?

Examination - 22

PCT-M entered the European phase on 26 February 2019, and is referred to in the following as Euro-PCT-M. No amendments were filed.

- g. Will the applicant have an opportunity to amend the claims of Euro-PCT-M, before substantive examination of Euro-PCT-M begins?
- h. Will the applicant be invited to pay a further search fee(s)?
- i. If the applicant had not paid claims fees on 26 February 2018, would Euro-PCT-M have been deemed to be withdrawn?
- j. If the applicant would not have commented on 26 February 2018, on the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, would Euro-PCT-M have been deemed to be withdrawn?

Examination - 23

CASE 2

You filed a European patent application on 28 August 2014 in the English language.

On 9 January 2018 you received a communication under Rule 71(3) EPC from the European Patent Office informing you of the text in which it intends to grant a European patent and of the related bibliographic data.

The text intended for grant contains 32 pages of description, 13 claims and 1 drawing. The text of the description and claims is identical to the latest description and claims you submitted.

Which action(s) should you take in the circumstances below? Additionally, indicate the next action from the European Patent Office in the procedure, mention all possibilities.

- a. You agree with the text and bibliographic data.
- b. You do not agree with the text but would like to obtain a granted patent as soon as possible.
- c. You do not agree with the text and would like to postpone the grant of the patent as much as possible without using further processing.

You received a decision to grant the European patent and the mention of the grant has subsequently been published in the European patent bulletin on 16 August 2018.

You decided to validate the European patent in The Netherlands only.

- d. What is the last possible date to validate this patent in the Netherlands?
- e. What is the last possible date to validly file an opposition to this European patent?

A notice of opposition was filed on 4 January 2019.

- f. Who is entitled to file an opposition to a European patent?

Which actions should you take to maintain a valid patent in the circumstances below? Additionally, indicate the relevant time limits, if applicable.

- g. The opposition division rejects the opposition.
- h. The opposition division issues an interlocutory decision stating that the patent will be maintained in amended form whereby claims 1 and 6 have been amended. After expiry of the period to file a notice of appeal and such notice has not been filed, the EPO issues a communication pursuant to rule 82(2) indicating that the interlocutory decision has become final.
- i. The opposition division decides to revoke the patent and you wish to challenge this decision.

Examination - 24

CASE 3

Your client wishes to file a Benelux trademark application at the Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) and is considering the languages he can choose from.

- a. Which languages can your client choose from with regard to the application for a Benelux trademark registration?

The client chooses to apply for a Benelux trademark registration in the English language. A third party launches an opposition against your client's Benelux trademark application.

- b. The document by which the opposition wishes to launch opposition, filed at BOIP, contains all information desired by BOIP except the language preference. Provided that all other requirements for opposition are met, will the opposition be found admissible? Motivate your answer.
- c. Which language(s) can the opponent choose as language of proceedings, when filing the notice of opposition? Motivate your answer.

The opponent chooses French as the language of proceedings.

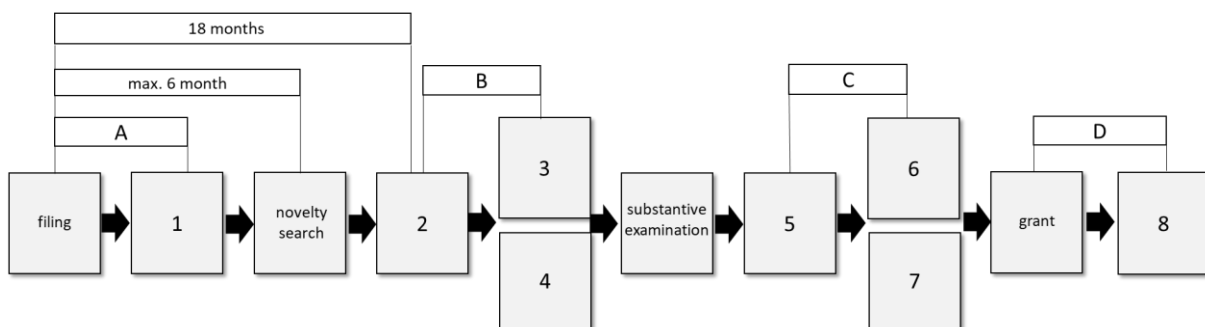
- d. What is the time limit your client (the applicant) may inform BOIP that he disagrees to the language of proceedings that the opponent has chosen?
- e. What is the consequence for the opposition proceedings in case the arguments submitted by the opponent are not in one of the working languages of BOIP and this is not timely corrected by the opponent? Motivate your answer.
- f. Who may request BOIP to translate the opposition decision?
- g. Is it possible to have the decision translated by BOIP to Dutch, despite the fact that the trademark application was in Dutch and the language of proceedings is French? Motivate your answer.

Examination - 25

CASE 4

The diagram below represents different stages in a European patent application.

The procedural steps are indicated by numbers and time periods are indicated by letters.



Indicate for each number the correct step, chosen from the following list:

- Filing translation of claims
- Intention to grant
- Opposition
- Payment of designation fee
- Payment of fee for grant and publishing
- Payment of filing and search fee
- Publication application and search report
- Request for examination

Indicate for each letter the correct time period, chosen from the following list:

- Max. 1 month
- Max. 2 months
- Max. 4 months
- Max. 6 months
- Max. 9 months
- Max. 12 months
- Max. 18 months