

**1. A French applicant does not reply to a communication pursuant to Article 94(3) EPC from the Examining Division dated 2 May 2025 giving a two-month time limit to adapt the description to the amended claims. A noting of loss of rights dated 21 July 2025 is received by the applicant on 4 August 2025.**

**Which of the following statements is correct?**

- A. The date of notification of the noting of loss of rights is 21 July 2025 and the time limit for requesting further processing expires on 21 September 2025.
- B. The date of notification of the noting of loss of rights is 21 July 2025 and the time limit for requesting further processing expires on 29 September 2025.
- C. The date of notification of the noting of loss of rights is 29 July 2025 and the time limit for requesting further processing expires on 29 September 2025.
- D. The date of notification of the noting of loss of rights is 4 August 2025 and the time limit for requesting further processing expires on 6 October 2025.

**2. On the instruction of your employer, you have opted their European patent application out of the jurisdiction of the Unified Patent Court (UPC). The European patent has now been granted.**

**Which of the following statements is correct?**

- A. The opt-out cannot be withdrawn.
- B. The proprietor cannot benefit from UPC jurisdiction.
- C. The proprietor cannot enforce their patent in national courts.
- D. Unitary effect can no longer be registered.

**3. A European divisional application is received by the EPO on 22 January 2025. The application contains 52 pages of description, the abstract, 2 pages of claims and 6 pages drawings. The description contains 10 pages of sequence listing as a separate part of description in PDF, (pages 43 to 52), which correspond to the sequence listing complying with the WIPO Standard ST.25 included in the parent application. A separate sequence listing complying with the WIPO Standard ST.26 was filed on 9 April 2025 (6 pages).**

**For how many pages is a fee to be paid?**

- A. 16
- B. 22
- C. 26
- D. 32

**4. A European patent application claims three priorities, namely from applications in Italy (IT), the United Kingdom (GB) and Germany (DE). The search report for the Italian priority application was drawn up by the EPO. The search results for the priority applications were not on file at the time the examining division assumed responsibility. The EPO issued a communication under Rule 70b EPC (EPO Form 2913) inviting the applicant to file a copy of the results of any search carried out for previous application/s, or a statement of non-availability for:**

- A. all three priorities.
- B. the GB and DE priorities.
- C. the IT and DE priorities.
- D. the DE priority.

**5. Mr X, a Syrian national residing in the Republic of Moldova, and University Y, registered and based in the Republic of Moldova, jointly filed a request for international preliminary examination with the EPO as IPEA on 8 October 2025. Based on the eligibility criteria for PCT fee reductions bound to country classification, what fee reductions apply to the demand?**

- A. The handling fee qualifies for a 90% reduction and the preliminary examination fee qualifies for a 75% reduction.
- B. Neither the handling fee nor the preliminary examination fee qualifies for any reduction.
- C. The handling fee qualifies for a 90% reduction, while the preliminary examination fee does not qualify for any reduction.
- D. The handling fee does not qualify for a reduction, while the preliminary examination fee qualifies for a 75% reduction.

**6. Your firm filed a European patent application, EP1, with the Portuguese Patent Office on 8 July 2024. On 8 October 2025, you were notified that EP1 is deemed withdrawn because it was not forwarded to the EPO. What is the due date to file a request for conversion and where must the request be filed?**

- A. 8 January 2026 with the Portuguese Patent Office.
- B. 8 January 2026 with the European Patent Office.
- C. 8 December 2025 with the European Patent Office.
- D. 8 December 2025 with the Portuguese Patent Office.

**7. A decision pursuant to Article 97(1) EPC was issued on 12 September 2025 for European patent application EP-1, which was filed on 13 July 2022 in the name of Nemo Inc.. The mention of the grant was published in the European Patent Bulletin on 8 October 2025. On 6 October 2025, the transfer of EP-1 to Global Inc. was registered at the EPO. On the same date, a European divisional patent application, EP-2, was filed in the name of Global Inc..**

**Which of the following statements is correct?**

- A. If claims are not included in the divisional application received on 6 October 2025, the EPO will issue a communication under Rule 112(1) EPC stating that the application will not be processed as a European divisional application.
- B. Renewal fees for the third and fourth years for EP-2 must be paid by 6 February 2026 to avoid payment of the additional fee (50% surcharge).
- C. Renewal fees for the third and fourth years for EP-2 may still be validly paid by 30 April 2026 provided that the additional fee (50% surcharge) is paid.
- D. EP-2 cannot be filed in the name of Global Inc..

**8. Mr X, an Italian national and resident, filed his first European patent application, EP-X, in Italian, accompanied by a translation into English, on 10 April 2024. On filing the application, a request for examination in Italian was made and micro-entity status was declared by ticking the appropriate boxes on EPO Form 1001. EP-X was published without the search report on 16 October 2024. The European Patent Bulletin mentioned the publication of the search report on 6 November 2024. The opinion accompanying the search report mentioned several deficiencies.**

**Which of the following statements is correct?**

- A. The examination and designation fee with combined language and micro-entity reductions had to be paid by 16 April 2025. A reply to the search opinion had to be filed by 6 May 2025.
- B. The examination fee with combined language and micro-entity reductions and the designation fee with micro-entity reduction had to be paid by 16 April 2025. A reply to the search opinion had to be filed by the same date.

- C. The examination and designation fee with combined language and micro-entity reductions had to be paid by 6 May 2025. A reply to the search opinion had to be filed by the same date.
- D. The examination fee with combined language and micro-entity reductions and the designation fee with micro-entity reduction had to be paid by 6 May 2025. A reply to the search opinion had to be filed by the same date.

**9. Which of the following statements correctly describes the characteristics of the European search report types issued by the European Patent Office (EPO)?**

- A. The European search report is not accompanied by a search opinion when a valid waiver under Rule 70(2) EPC has been filed.
- B. The EPO does not issue an extended European search report for a divisional application if one was issued for the parent application.
- C. A supplementary European search report is issued if the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) acted as ISA and the EPO acted as SISA.
- D. When issuing a European search report, the EPO always issues a search opinion regardless of whether the examination fee has been paid or not.

**10. Mr Van Holland is a Dutch citizen resident in the Netherlands. On 16 October 2023, he filed a European patent application in Dutch, accompanied by a translation into English, and paid all fees that could possibly be paid. The extended European search report was issued on 15 May 2024 and duly published together with the application on 16 April 2025. On 1 September 2025, Mr Van Holland paid the renewal fee for the third year. Today, 9 October 2025, he decided to abandon the application by not replying to the negative search opinion. Which fee(s) will be refunded?**

- A. The search fee and the examination fee.
- B. Only the examination fee.
- C. The examination fee and the renewal fee.
- D. Only the renewal fee.

**11. 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. Indicating the facts and evidence on which the appeal is based.
- D. Paying the fee for appeal.

**12. A European patent application, EP-X, claiming priority of PAT-X filed on 2 April 2024, was filed on 2 April 2025 without stating the intention to pay validation fees in the appropriate section of the Request for grant form. EP-X was published with the search report on 8 October 2025. Supposing that the designation fee is duly paid and that the applicant now intends to request validation in Cambodia (KH) and the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA), which of the following statements is correct?**

- A. Validation in KH and LA is not possible since the intention to pay the validation fees for KH and LA was not stated in the appropriate section of the Request for grant form.
- B. A request for validation in KH is made by paying the validation fee for KH by 8 April 2026. A request for validation in LA is not possible because the validation agreement with LA was not in force when EP-X was filed.
- C. If validation fees for KH and LA are not paid by 8 April 2026, they may still be validly paid by 8 June 2026, with a 50% surcharge.

D. If validation fees for KH and LA are not paid by 8 April 2026, they may still be validly paid within two months from the notification of the loss of rights, which will be issued after expiry of the basic period for payment of the validation fees.

**13. On 25 July 2024, you filed an international patent application validly claiming priority of a European patent application filed on 24 June 2024.**

**On 27 August 2025, your office received the International Search Report (ISR) from the European Patent Office acting as the International Searching Authority. The date of transmittal of the ISR was 25 August 2025.**

**What is the deadline for filing amendments under Article 19 PCT?**

- A. 25 November 2025
- B. 24 October 2025
- C. 25 October 2025
- D. 27 October 2025

**14. Applicant X, a large company, receives an International Search Report prepared by the Austrian Patent Office and subsequently files a request for entry into the European phase. The EPO issues a partial supplementary European search report due to lack of unity of invention and invites the applicant to pay two additional search fees.**

**Does a fee reduction apply to these additional search fees?**

- A. Yes, a fee reduction applies to the additional search fees because the international search was conducted by the Austrian Patent Office.
- B. No, a fee reduction does not apply because the Austrian Patent Office is not among the International Searching Authorities (ISAs) that qualify for a search fee reduction.
- C. Yes, a fee reduction applies to the additional search fees because the EPO only performs partial additional searches, leading to lower additional search fees.
- D. No, a fee reduction does not apply because the fee reduction is granted only once and was applied to the search fee paid on entry into the European phase.

**15. Assuming all due care is taken by the party concerned, in which situation is a re-establishment of rights NOT available?**

- A. In opposition proceedings, the proprietor missed the time limit under Rule 79(1) EPC to reply to the opposition.
- B. In opposition proceedings, the proprietor missed the time limit for filing a notice of appeal.
- C. In opposition proceedings, the proprietor filed a notice of appeal in time but missed the time limit for filing the grounds for appeal.
- D. In opposition proceedings, the opponent filed a notice of appeal in time but missed the time limit for filing the grounds for appeal.