

## 75% reduction of PCT fees due to the EPO (as of 1 July 2025)

### I. States listed as low-income & lower-middle-income economies by the World Bank (in bold: PCT Contracting States)<sup>1</sup>

The international search, supplementary international search and international preliminary examination fees are reduced by 75% if the international application, the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed by a natural person who is a national of and resident in a state which, on the date of filing of the application, or on the date of payment of the supplementary international search fee or international preliminary examination fee, is listed in the table below (Art.1.1(a) of Decision [CA/D 13/19](#) of the Administrative Council in effect since 1.4.2020).

AF Afghanistan	<b>GM Gambia</b>	<b>ML Mali</b>	<b>ST Sao Tomé &amp; Príncipe</b>
<b>AO Angola</b>	<b>GN Guinea</b>	MM Myanmar	<b>SY Syrian Arab Republic</b>
BD Bangladesh	<b>GW Guinea-Bissau</b>	<b>MR Mauritania</b>	<b>SZ Eswatini</b>
<b>BF Burkina Faso</b>	<b>HN Honduras</b>	<b>MW Malawi</b>	<b>TD Chad</b>
BI Burundi	HT Haiti	<b>MZ Mozambique</b>	<b>TG Togo</b>
<b>BJ Benin</b>	<b>IN India</b>	<b>NA Namibia</b>	<b>TJ Tajikistan</b>
BO Bolivia	<b>JO Jordan</b>	<b>NE Niger</b>	TL Timor-Leste
BT Bhutan	<b>KE Kenya</b>	<b>NG Nigeria</b>	<b>TN Tunisia</b>
CD Congo, Dem. Rep	<b>KG Kyrgyzstan</b>	<b>NI Nicaragua</b>	<b>TZ United Rep. of Tanzania</b>
<b>CF Central African Republic</b>	<b>KH Cambodia</b>	NP Nepal	<b>UG Uganda</b>
<b>CG Congo</b>	KI Kiribati	<b>PG Papua New Guinea</b>	<b>UZ Uzbekistan</b>
<b>CI Côte d'Ivoire</b>	<b>KM Comoros</b>	PH Philippines	<b>VN Vietnam</b>
<b>CM Cameroon</b>	<b>KP DPR of Korea</b>	PK Pakistan	VU Vanuatu
<b>DJ Djibouti</b>	<b>LA Lao PDR</b>	<b>RW Rwanda</b>	YE Yemen
<b>EG Egypt</b>	LB Lebanon	SB Solomon Islands	<b>ZM Zambia</b>
ER Eritrea	<b>LK Sri Lanka</b>	<b>SD Sudan</b>	<b>ZW Zimbabwe</b>
ET Ethiopia	<b>LR Liberia</b>	<b>SL Sierra Leone</b>	
FM Micronesia Fed. States	<b>LS Lesotho</b>	<b>SN Senegal</b>	
<b>GH Ghana</b>	<b>MA Morocco</b>	SO Somalia	
	<b>MG Madagascar</b>	SS South Sudan	

### II. Validation States<sup>1</sup>

The international search, supplementary international search and international preliminary examination fees are reduced by 75% if the international application, the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed by a natural or legal person who is a national of and resident in a state in which a validation agreement with the EPO is in force (see Art.1.1(b) of Decision [CA/D 13/19](#)). Validation states as of 1.4.2025: Cambodia, Morocco, Rep. of Moldova, Tunisia, Georgia and Lao People's Democratic Republic.

<sup>1</sup> If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria (see Article 1.2 of Decision CA/D 13/19 of 12 December 2019).