

## PCT Fees

**(The prices apply from 01.01.2025)**

For each international application (PCT) 3 kinds of fees are payable during the international phase of the procedure

### Forwarding Fee

**Rule 14.** This fee is payable to OBI for its benefit as a receiving office for international applications, is set by a decision of the Administrative Council of OBI, and amounts to the sum of: **115 €**

### International Search Fee

**Rule 16.1** This fee is payable to OBI for the benefit of the European Patent Office, which acts as an International Search Authority, is set by it, and amounts to the sum of: **1.845 €**

### International Application Fee

#### Rule 15.2

a. This fee is payable to OBI for the benefit of the International Bureau, by which it is set, and amounts to the sum of: **147 €**

The international application fee also includes a supplementary sum for each extra folio after the 30th (the folios of the application are reckoned on a total of 30) which amounts to the sum of: **1,60 €**

b. For legal entities, and others that are not included in the previous paragraph the fee is paid to OBI for the benefit of the International Bureau, by which it is set, and amounts to the sum of: **1.417 €**

The international application fee also includes a supplementary sum for each extra folio after the 30th (the folios of the application are reckoned on a total of 30) which amounts to the sum of: **16 €**

#### c. E-filing reductions

To the total cost of the International Filing Fee and additional fee due to additional sheets

- where the application is in character coded format and the description, claims, summary are not **-213 €**
- where the application and the description, claims, summary are in character coded format **-320 €**

The 90% reduction for individuals is applied to the amount resulting after calculating the e-filing reduction.

## **DEADLINES FOR PAYMENT OF FEES**

### **1. Forwarding Fee**

#### **Rule 14**

The receiving office imposes the payment of the forwarding fee for the exercise of its competences in connection with the receiving, checking, and forwarding of the documents of the international application to the International Bureau (with its headquarters in Geneva) and the International Search Authority (with its headquarters in The Hague), respectively.

This payable to OBI by the expiry of the deadline for receiving the international application.

### **2. International Search Fee**

#### **Rule 16**

The international search fee is rendered directly to the European Patent Office, which has been appointed the competent International Search Authority (ISA) for Greece, for the compilation of the International Search Report to be carried out.

Payable to OBI by the expiry of the deadline of one month from the date of receipt of the international application.

#### **Refund of the International Search Fee**

The receiving office refunds the search fee to the applicant in two instances:

##### **Rule 16.2**

a. when the receiving office ascertains that a date of application cannot be given to the international application because of the omissions observable in the international application, in accordance with Rule 11 (1).

b. when the international application is withdrawn or is deemed to have been withdrawn before the forwarding of the search report to the International Search Authority.

#### **Partial Refund of the International Search Fee**

##### **Rule 16.3**

When the international application claims priority over a previous international application as to which a search copy has been compiled by the same International Search Authority and provided that the search report of the later international application is based on the results of the previous international search, the International Search Authority returns to the applicant the search fee which has been paid for the later international application.

## **NOTE**

In accordance with Rule 23.1 (PCT), a necessary condition for the forwarding of the Search Copy to the competent International Search Authority (ISA) is the payment of the international search fee. Consequently, if the applicant has an interest, he may pay this fee simultaneously with the filing of the international application, so that the forwarding of the search copy can take place on time and delay in the compilation of the international search report is avoided.

It should be noted that the international search report is completed within three months from receipt of the search copy from the International Search Authority, or within nine months from the date of priority. Any date which elapses later is used.

### **3. International Application Fee**

#### **Rule 15.2**

The international application fee is rendered to the International Bureau for the exercise of its various competences, such as: a) the publication of the international application b) the dispatch of the various notifications in connection with the progress of the procedure to the applicant, to the receiving office, to the International Search Authority, to the International Preliminary Examination Authority, and to the national offices of the countries which have been designated or have been selected by the applicant.

This fee is payable to OBI by the expiry of the exclusive deadline of one month from the date of receipt of the international application.

#### **Refund of the International Application Fee**

The receiving office refunds the international application fee in the following two instances:

#### **Rule 15.4**

- a. when the receiving office ascertains that the date of receipt cannot be given as a date of the international application because of an absence of the conditions of Article 11 (1).
- b. when the international application is withdrawn or is deemed to have been withdrawn before the forwarding of the original of the Record Copy to the international bureau.

#### **Delayed Payment Fee**

##### **Rule 16.a.1**

If the forwarding fee, the international search fee and the international application fee are not paid by the deadline set, the receiving office calls upon the applicant to pay the fees owed as well as the delayed payment fee within one month of the date of communication of this notice.

**Rule 16.a.2**

The delayed payment fee takes shape as follows:

50% of the sum of the fees not paid, as laid down in the notice: **73,50 €**

For legal entities, and others that are not included in the previous paragraph the fee is 50% of international filing fee (**1.417 €**): **708,5 €**

Failure of the applicant to comply with the above requirements entails the withdrawal of the international application.