

## Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Fees

### Changes in fees payable under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

Notice is given that the fees (chapter 1) payable in connection with applications filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty at the UK Intellectual Property Office (RO/GB) are changed with effect from **01 October 2014**.

<b>Transmittal Fee:</b>	£75
<b>Search Fee:</b>	£1490
<b>International Fee:</b>	
(a) For the first 30 sheets	£914
(b) For each sheet over 30	£10
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Electronic filing (not being in character coded format)	£138
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<b>Fees for preparation for Earlier Search Documents</b>	£5

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## The British Library - Recent Additions to the Library

The following transcripts of High Court Decisions have been received at the British Library.

Plaintiff(s) & Defendants(s)	Date Of Hearing	SRIS code No.
(1) William Mark Corporation (2) China Industries Limited -and- Gift House International Limited	24 June 2014	C/083/14
(1) Teva UK Limited (2) Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited -and- AstraZeneca AB	11 – 18 June 2014	C/084/14
Between :  (1) AstraZeneca AB (2) AstraZeneca UK Limited -and- (1) Teva Pharma BV (2) Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (3) Teva UK Limited		
(1) OOO Abbott (a company incorporated in the Russian Federation) (2) Godfrey Victor Chasmer -and- (1) Desian & Display Limited (2) Eureka Display Limited	24 July 2014	C/085/14

## Consent to Share

The consent to share boxes are being removed from the Patents Forms 9A and 10 on 27th September. From that date onwards the Forms (and eolf/webf systems) will no longer ask applicants whether or not they consent to us passing the results of the search/examination to another patent office prior to publication of their UK patent application.

As a result of the IP Act 2014, the law is changing on 1 October to allow the IPO to enter worksharing agreements with other patent offices and send pre-publication information (such as search and examination reports) to those other offices in accordance with those agreements, without requiring the applicant's consent. The working agreements will say that the other patent office cannot disclose the information shared whilst that information remains confidential in the UK. In practice, the IPO will only send information on an unpublished UK patent application when the patent applicant has filed an equivalent patent application at that other patent office.

Further details available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-patents-worksharing-business-guidance>

## **WITHDRAWING PATENT APPLICATIONS**

***This notice seeks to inform applicants and practitioners of the method the Intellectual Property Office recommends for withdrawing patent applications.***

### **Background**

Any request to withdraw an application is always an important action and is dealt with as quickly as possible in the Office. However, quick action in the Office becomes *crucial* when a withdrawal request is received for an application which is soon to be published. We of course wish to avoid erroneous publication.

### **Ways of withdrawing applications**

Withdrawal of a patent application can be made by:

- emailing [withdraw@ipo.gov.uk](mailto:withdraw@ipo.gov.uk)
- faxing the Office on 01633 817777
- writing to the Office

We ***highly recommend*** that the email option be used, as this will ensure that the request is dealt with quickly by a dedicated team of staff. Full details of this service can be found at <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-direction-withdrawal.htm>.

### **Notifying the Office of withdrawal in time to prevent publication**

An application for withdrawal in time to prevent publication must be received in this Office by 23:59 on the day before preparations for publication are complete (the *PPC date*). The official letter notifying applicants of the PPC date for their application will only be received 2 or 3 days prior to the PPC date. That leaves a very short time in which to notify the Office of withdrawal. If the email message or written notification is not received by 23:59 on the day before the PPC date, it will be too late to prevent publication.

Therefore the earlier applicants and practitioners can make decisions about withdrawal and notify the Office, the better.

Further guidance on withdrawal of patent applications can be found at:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-withdraw.htm>

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### **Designs Image Search**

This service provides access to images of UK registered designs along with bibliographic information.

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This service provides searches for trade marks matching/starting with specified text.

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