

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**.

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| Transmittal Fee: | £75 |
| Search Fee: | £1490 |
| International Fee: | |
| (a) For the first 30 sheets | £914 |
| (b) For each sheet over 30 | £10 |
| Restoration for Restoration of Priority | £150 |
| Reductions For E – FILING | |
| Electronic filing (not being in character coded format) | £138 |
| Electronic filing (being in character coded format) | £206 |
| Fees for preparation of Priority Document | £20 |
| Fees for preparation for Earlier Search Documents | £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. |
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| Pfizer Limited -and- Medimpex Jamaica Limited | 01 May 2014 | C/081/14 |
| Colin Lindridge Harman -and- Henry John Burge | 10 – 11 June 2014 | C/082/14 |

Changes to the delivery of patent documents

From 27 September 2014, the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) will cease to automatically supply cited patent documents with the search report. However, we will supply one copy of patent documents on request, and will continue to supply any cited non-patent literature as a matter of course, free of charge. When requesting a search you will be able to indicate your wish to receive a free single copy of any cited patents documents, but will no longer be able to order extra copies. The electronic online filing systems and Patents Form 9A will be updated to facilitate the changes with effect from the above date.

The changes reflect the concerns regarding difficulties in obtaining non-patent literature free of charge and the availability of patent documents to private applicants which were expressed when our customers were consulted. These changes will enable the IPO to streamline its internal procedures and reduce the amount of printed material generated by the patents granting process.

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>