

**Time Limits for Entering National/Regional Phase  
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(status on 1 December 2008)

Note that detailed information on the excuse of delays in meeting time limits before certain designated/elected Offices is contained in the corresponding National Chapters of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))	Designated/ elected Office	Chapter I (under PCT Article 22)	Chapter II (under PCT Article 39(1))
AE	30	30	GE	31	31
AG <sup>1</sup>	30	30	GH <sup>5</sup>	30	30
AL	30	31	GM <sup>5</sup>	30	31
AM <sup>2</sup>	31	31	GT <sup>1</sup>	30	30
AO <sup>1</sup>	30	30	HN <sup>1</sup>	30	30
AP <sup>3</sup>	31	31	HR <sup>4</sup>	31	31
AT <sup>4</sup>	30	30	HU <sup>4</sup>	31	31
AU	31	31	ID	30	31
AZ <sup>2</sup>	30	31	IL	30	30
BA	34	34	IN	31	31
BB	30	30	IS <sup>4</sup>	31	31
BG <sup>4</sup>	31	31	JP	30	30
BH <sup>1</sup>	30	30	KE <sup>5</sup>	30	30
BR	30	30	KG <sup>2</sup>	31	31
BW <sup>5</sup>	31	31	KM <sup>1</sup>	30	30
BY <sup>2</sup>	31	31	KN <sup>1</sup>	30	30
BZ	30	30 <sup>6</sup>	KP	30	30
CA	30 (42 <sup>7</sup> )	30 (42 <sup>7</sup> )	KR	31	31
CH <sup>4,8</sup>	30 <sup>9</sup>	30	KZ <sup>2</sup>	31	31
CN	30	30	LA <sup>1</sup>	30	30
CO	31	31	LC <sup>1</sup>	30	30
CR	31	31	LK	30	30
CU	30	30	LR	30	31
CZ <sup>4</sup>	31	31	LS <sup>5</sup>	30	31
DE <sup>4</sup>	30	30	LT <sup>4</sup>	31	31
DK <sup>4</sup>	31	31	LU <sup>4</sup>	20 <sup>10</sup>	30
DM <sup>1</sup>	30	30	LY <sup>1</sup>	30	30
DO <sup>1</sup>	30	30	MA	31	31
DZ	31	31	MD <sup>2</sup>	31	31
EA	31	31	ME <sup>1</sup>	30	30
EC	31	31	MG	30	30
EE <sup>4</sup>	31	31	MK <sup>11</sup>	31	31
EG	30	30	MN	31	31
EP <sup>12</sup>	31	31	MW <sup>5</sup>	30	30
ES <sup>4</sup>	30	30	MX	30	30
FI <sup>4</sup>	31	31	MY	30	30
GB <sup>4</sup>	31	31	MZ <sup>5</sup>	31	31
GD <sup>1</sup>	30	30	NA <sup>5</sup>	31	31

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NG	30	30	SM	31	31
NI <sup>1</sup>	30	30	SV <sup>1</sup>	30	30
NO <sup>4</sup>	31	31	SY	31	31
NZ	31	31	TJ <sup>2</sup>	30	31
OA <sup>13</sup>	30	30	TM <sup>2</sup>	30	31
OM <sup>1</sup>	30	30	TN <sup>1</sup>	30	30
PG	31	31	TR <sup>4</sup>	30 (33 <sup>7</sup> )	30 (33 <sup>7</sup> )
PH	30 (31 <sup>7</sup> )	30 (31 <sup>7</sup> )	TT	30	31
PL <sup>4</sup>	30	30	TZ <sup>5</sup>	21 <sup>10</sup>	31
PT <sup>4</sup>	30	30	UA	31	31
RO <sup>4</sup>	30	30	UG <sup>5</sup>	21 <sup>10</sup>	31
RS	30 <sup>14</sup>	30 <sup>14</sup>	US	30	30
RU <sup>2</sup>	31	31	UZ	31	31
SC	31	31	VC	30	30
SD <sup>5</sup>	30	30	VN	31	31
SE <sup>4</sup>	31	31	ZA	31	31
SG	30	30	ZM <sup>5</sup>	30	30
SK <sup>4</sup>	31	31	ZW <sup>5</sup>	30	31
SL <sup>5</sup>	31	31			

1. In the absence of information from the Office concerned, the time limits shown are those which would normally apply under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a). If the Office decides to apply longer time limits, that information will be published in the *PCT Newsletter*.
2. If designated/elected for a Eurasian patent, see EA as designated/elected Office (DO/EO) for the applicable time limits.
3. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: SZ.
4. If designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
5. If designated/elected for an ARIPO patent, see AP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
6. May be extended upon written request of the applicant.
7. Time limit applicable if applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase (see relevant national chapter of *PCT Applicant's Guide* for details).
8. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following State which does not act in the capacity of DO/EO: LI.
9. This Office has withdrawn its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with the applicable national law with effect from 1 July 2008. This is the time limit, applicable since 1 July 2008, under PCT Article 22(1), in respect of international applications for which the 20-month time limit expired on or after 1 July 2008 and in respect of which the acts referred to in PCT Article 22(1) had not yet been performed by the applicant.
10. This Office has notified the International Bureau of the non-applicability of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 – it does not yet apply the 30-month time limit for entering the national phase.
11. For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009 only: if designated/elected for a European patent, see EP as DO/EO for the applicable time limits.
12. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BE, CY, FR, GR, IE, IT, LV, MC, MT, NL, SI.
13. This Office acts as DO/EO for the following States which do not act in the capacity of DO/EO: BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG.
14. The time limit can be extended by 30 days if the applicant pays an additional fee for late entry into the national phase.