

PCT time limits		
Legal basis (Art.)	Description	Time limit
Art.3(4) PCT	Fees to be paid to rO at filing (Art.3(4)(iv) PCT): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transmittal fee (R.14.1 PCT) • International filing fee (R.15 PCT) • Search fee (R.16.1 PCT) 	1 month from date of receipt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.14.1(c) PCT • R.15.3 PCT • R.16.1(f) PCT → R.15.3 PCT
	Translation for ISA (Art.3(4)(i), R.12.3 PCT)	1 month of date of receipt at rO (R.12.3(a) PCT)
	Translation for publication (Art.3(4)(i), R.12.4 PCT)	14 months of the priority date (R.12.4 PCT)
Art. 8 PCT	File a certified copy of priority document (R.17.1(a) PCT) (Or, if it is issued by the rO, request rO to prepare and transmit a copy to the IB - R.17.1(b) PCT)	16 months from priority date (R.17.1(a) PCT) (But considered received on last day if received by IB before publication) (Request to rO must also be done no later than 16 months from priority date - R.17.1(b) PCT)
	Request restoration of right of priority (R.26bis.3 PCT)	2 months from the expiry of the priority period (R.26bis.3(e) PCT)
	Withdrawal of priority claims (R.90bis.3 PCT)	30 months from priority date (R.90bis.3(a) PCT)
Art.11 PCT	Defects under Art.11(1) (R.20.3 PCT) or missing parts (R.20.5 PCT)	2 months from date of invitation under R.20.3(a) or 20.5(a) (R.20.7(a)(i) PCT) or, if no invitation is sent, 2 months from date on which elements referred to in Art.11(1)(iii) were first received by the rO (R.20.7(a)(ii) PCT)
(Art.16 PCT - ISA) (No separate Article for SISA)	Request (optional) supplementary search from IB (R.45bis PCT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of handling fee (R.45bis.2 PCT) • Payment of supplementary search fee (R.45bis.3 PCT) 	22 months from priority date (R.45bis.1(a) PCT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handling fee within 1 month of date of receipt of request (R.45bis.2(c) PCT) • Search fee also within 1 month of date of receipt of request (R.45bis.3(c) → R.45bis.2(c) PCT)
	Request review of opinion (in case of non-unity after SIS) by payment of review fee if necessary (R.45bis.6(c) PCT)	1 month from date of notification of non-unity (R.45bis.6(c) → R.45bis.6(a)(ii) PCT) (same deadline for payment of review fee)
	Establishing supplementary search report (or making the declaration that no report will be established (R.45bis.7 PCT)	28 months from priority date (R.45bis.7(a) PCT)
Art.17(3)(a) PCT	Further search fee(s) (optional) in case of non-unity after ISR, payable to ISA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional fee (R.40.2(a) PCT) (can be paid under protest) • Protest fee (R.40.2(e) PCT) 	1 month from date of invitation from ISA to pay additional fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional fee - R.40.1(ii) PCT • Protest fee - R.40.1(iii) PCT (time limit same for both fees)
Art. 18 PCT	Establishing ISR	The later of: 3 months from receipt of the search copy by ISA or 9 months from the priority date (R.42.1 PCT)

<u>Art.19 PCT</u>	File (optional) amendment of claims to IB after receipt of ISR (<u>Art. 19, R.46 PCT</u>) (no payment)	The later of: 2 months from transmittal of ISR or 16 months from priority date (<u>R.46.1 PCT</u>) (But considered received on last day if received by IB before the technical preparations for publication are completed - <u>R.46.1 PCT</u>)
<u>Art.21 PCT</u>	International Publication (<u>Art.21 and R.48 PCT</u>)	Promptly after the expiration of 18 months from priority date (<u>Art.21(2)(a) PCT</u>) (Technical preparations completed 15th day before the publication date - AG-IP 9.014)
<u>Art.22 PCT</u>	Chapter I national entry at dO (<u>R.49.1 PCT</u>)	30 months from priority date (<u>Art.22(1) PCT</u>) (However, National law may fix time limit to expire later - <u>Art.22(3) PCT</u>)
<u>Art.31 PCT</u>	Request (optional) international preliminary examination (Chapter II) • Payment of handling fee (<u>R.57 PCT</u>) • Payment of international preliminary examination fee (<u>R.58.1 PCT</u>)	The later of: 3 months from transmittal of ISR or 22 months from priority date (<u>R.54bis.1 PCT</u>) • Handling fee within the later of: 1 month of date of receipt of demand or 22 months from priority date (<u>R.57.3(a) PCT</u>) • Exam. fee: same as handling fee (<u>R.58.1(b) -> R.57.3 PCT</u>)
<u>Art.34(3)(a) PCT</u>	Further search fee(s) (optional) in case of non-unity after IPER, payable to IPEA: • Additional fee (<u>R.68.2, 68.3 PCT</u>) (can be paid under protest) • Protest fee (<u>R.68.3(c),(e) PCT</u>)	1 month from date of invitation from IPEA to pay additional fee • Additional fee - <u>R.68.2(iii) PCT</u> • Protest fee - <u>R.68.2(v) PCT</u> (time limit same for both fees)
<u>Art.35 PCT</u>	Establishing IPER	The latest of (<u>R.69.2 PCT</u>): (i) 28 months from priority date or (ii) 6 months from the time provided under <u>R.69.1 PCT</u> for the start of the international preliminary examination, or (iii) 6 months from the date of receipt by the IPEA of the translation furnished under <u>R.55.2 PCT</u>
<u>Art.37 PCT</u>	Withdrawal of the Demand or election	30 months from priority date (<u>R.90bis.4(a) PCT</u>)
<u>Art.39 PCT</u>	Chapter II national entry at eO (<u>R.49 PCT</u> applies similarly to Chapter I national entry, <u>R.76.5 PCT</u>)	30 months from priority date (<u>Art.39(1)(a) PCT</u>) (However, National law may fix time limit to expire later - <u>Art.39(1)(b) PCT</u>)
-	File third party observations (<u>AG-IP 11.109</u>)	28 months from priority date (<u>Section 804</u>) (Applicant may comment before 30 months from priority date.)
-	Rectification of Obvious Mistakes (<u>R.91.1 PCT</u>)	26 months from priority date (<u>R.91.2 PCT</u>)
-	Recording changes regarding applicant, agent or inventor by the IB	30 months from priority date (<u>R.92bis.1(b) PCT</u>)