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# Implementation Issues

## PCT Fee Reductions for Universities

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# Implementing a Fee Reduction

Possible Issues – Depends on Specific Proposals

- Defining a University
- Eligibility
- Counting claimed reductions
- How to claim reduction
- Consistency of practice at ROs
- Extent of monitoring reductions

# Defining a University

- Need a clear definition for the benefit of applicants and receiving Offices
- Note that receiving Office will not always be in the same country
- Ideally, receiving Office should be able to look at a list

# Eligibility

- If there are multiple applicants, is the application still eligible for a reduction?
  - where the joint applicant is a natural person
    - employed by the university?
    - eligible for the 90% fee reduction?
    - not employed or eligible for the 90% reduction?
  - where the joint applicant is a corporate applicant not eligible for a fee reduction?

# Counting

- If there are multiple university applicants and quotas apply, does the application count against the quota for both?

# How To Claim Reduction

- Difficult to automate detection of whether applicant is a university and whether they are still within any quotas
- Some sort of declaration or checkbox would be required

# Consistency of Practice at ROs

- All receiving Offices should apply the same standards
  - Should not be a major issue
  - Update Receiving Office Guidelines with details

# Extent of Monitoring

- Receiving Offices cannot reliably count numbers if quotas are part of an agreement (applications may also go to other receiving Offices)
  - But can spot large numbers, clearly exceeding limits
- Periodic reports by International Bureau to monitor use