

# ePCT for New Users (Part I) <a href="https://pct.wipo.int">https://pct.wipo.int</a>



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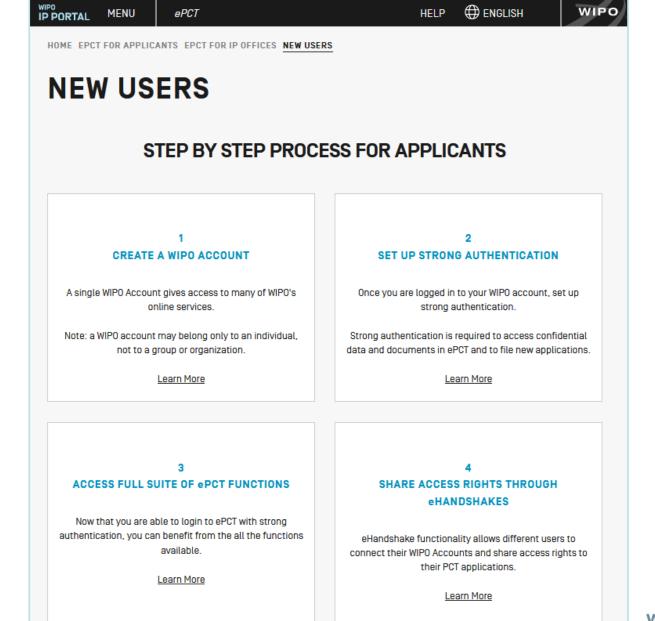


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### ePCT Introduction

- ePCT is WIPO's online platform that provides PCT services for both applicants and IP Offices
- URL: <u>https://pct.wipo.int</u>
- Recommended internet browsers:
  - Mozilla Firefox
  - Google Chrome
- Secure and direct interaction with PCT applications maintained by the IB
- Sign in with or without strong authentication

### Create a WIPO Account

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An e-mail address can be associated with one account only

Minimum number of characters for the username is four

- Cannot contain non-Latin alphabet, blank space or any special characters
- WIPO Account must be confirmed click on link received by e-mail

### ePCT without Strong Authentication

- Limited functionalities
- Upload documents and send ePCT messages only to the IB
- 3 online actions
  - Rule 92bis change request for published IAs only
  - Article 19 amendments
  - Third Party Observation

### **Strong Authentication Methods**

- Additional authentication step
- Best practice for ePCT users is to register an App or a phone for OTP (one-time password)
- Set up at least two strong authentication methods
- Strong authentication methods
  - App for OTP
  - SMS for OTP
  - WIPO digital certificate / EPO smart card

### Create a New IA

- Available with 77 ROs
  - Direct filing with 74 ROs
  - Two-steps process with RO/US, RO/IL, RO/CA
- Best-in-class validation of data against the electronic processing system of the IB
- Fill in the screens in the order in which they appear to benefit from re-use of certain data
- More detailed information on ePCT-Filing at <u>https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/learnmore.html?N=567</u>

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- Getting started
- Sign-in without strong authentication
- Strong authentication methods
- ePCT-Filing
  - □ Filing at RO/IB (as an example of ePCT-Filing)
  - Filing at RO/US using ePCT in combination with EFS-Web

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