

# Using DAS with the PCT

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## 1. INTRODUCTION:

Within the context of the PCT, WIPO's Digital Access Service (DAS) enables you to request the International Bureau to retrieve an electronic certified copy of an earlier application for use as the priority document, provided that the earlier application was filed with a [DAS participating Office](#).

The time limit to request the International Bureau to retrieve the priority document from DAS is aligned with [PCT Rule 17.1\(a\)](#). The time limit is considered to be met if a valid request is made to the International Bureau before the date of international publication.

You can use DAS to meet priority document requirements under the Paris convention in relation to PCT applications in the following circumstances:

- (a) Your earlier application was a **national application** filed in any of the following participating Offices, currently Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, Slovakia\*, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom, and the United States of America, or a regional application filed at EAPO or EPO, and you are filing an international application under the PCT which claims priority from it, with any receiving Office.
- (b) Your earlier application was an **international application** (PCT) filed in any of the following receiving Offices, currently RO/AU, RO/AT, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CN, RO/CU, RO/CO, RO/DE, RO/DK, RO/ES, RO/FI, RO/FR, RO/GE, RO/IN, RO/IR, RO/IL, RO/IT, RO/JP, RO/MX, RO/MA, RO/NL, RO/NO, RO/PE, RO/SE, RO/SK\*, RO/TR, RO/IB or an international regional application filed at RO/EA or RO/EP, and you are filing an international application under the PCT which claims priority from it, with any receiving Office.

Only these Offices currently make copies of earlier national or international applications available electronically as priority documents in DAS.

## 2. TO USE THE SERVICE:

- (i) Request the Office of First Filing (OFF) to deposit a copy of the earlier application in DAS. The exact means of doing this depend on the requirements of the particular Office with which the earlier application was filed. See the DAS notifications for each DAS participating Office from the DAS home page at <https://www.wipo.int/das/en> and the [PCT Applicant's Guide](#), Annex B for the procedure to be followed at each DAS depositing Office (see item "*is the Office prepared to allow applicants to make applications available to the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) (PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis))*"), or contact that Office directly.

\* As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

- (ii) You will then receive a DAS access code relating to that application. It will be provided by the International Bureau by e-mail from [noreply@wipo.int](mailto:noreply@wipo.int) for applications filed at the following Offices AR, AU, AT, BE, BR, CA, CH, CL, CO, CU, DK, EA, EE, ES, FR, GB, IB, GE, IN, IR, IL, IT, JP, LV, LT, MA, MC, MX, NL, NO, PE, SE, SK, TR and by the Office of First Filing for applications filed at CN, DE, EP, EM, FI, JP, KR, NZ, US. For EP and US applications the 4-digit access code is indicated on the Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt.

US application example: confirmation number on Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt

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EP application example: acknowledgement receipt

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**DAS access code**

To access and retrieve the priority document from WIPO's Digital Access Service (DAS) in respect of

Application number:

Applicant:

the European Patent Office has generated the following code:

DAS access code:

For further information, see OJ EPO 03/2019.

Date and time receipt generated:

This unique access code allows the applicant to authorise participating intellectual property offices to retrieve a certified copy of the present application (as priority document) via WIPO DAS. The code will only be valid if the requirements for according a date of filing are met (see OJ EPO 03/2019).

- (iii) Request the International Bureau to retrieve an earlier application from DAS:

1) At the time of filing:

When using ePCT to file your international application under the PCT, select the option "International Bureau to obtain from a digital library (DAS)" provided that the Office of First Filing is a DAS depositing Office for this IP right. Indicate the DAS code. ePCT will validate the data and check that the earlier application is registered in DAS.

Type *	National	Option(s) for providing the priority document to the IB *
Country/Office *	US - United States of America	
Filing Date *	01/12/2016	<input type="radio"/> Receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau <input type="radio"/> To be provided by the applicant <input type="radio"/> An electronic copy of the priority document (certified by the issuing Office) will be submitted with this data package at time of filing <input checked="" type="radio"/> International Bureau to obtain from a digital library (DAS)
Application number	16/123,678	DAS access code *
format should be "08/999.999"		2468
		<input type="checkbox"/> The receiving Office is requested to restore the right of priority for this earlier application.
		<input type="button" value="Cancel"/> <input type="button" value="Update"/>

When preparing a PCT request form using the PDF copy of the PCT/RO/101, check the applicable check-box for that priority and indicate its access code.

<b>Furnishing the priority document(s):</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application(s) was filed with the receiving Office which, for the purposes of this international application, is the receiving Office) identified above as:
<input type="checkbox"/>	all items
<input type="checkbox"/>	item (1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	item (2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	item (3)
<input type="checkbox"/>	other, see Supplemental Box
<input type="checkbox"/>	The International Bureau is requested to obtain from a digital library a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above, using, where applicable, the access code(s) indicated below (if the earlier application(s) is available to it from a digital library):
<input type="checkbox"/>	item (1)
access code	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	item (2)
access code	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	item (3)
access code	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	other, see Supplemental Box

2) After filing:

Such a request can also be made via ePCT (<https://pct.wipo.int>). If you have access rights of that application as eOwner, eEditor, log in with with strong authentication and use the ePCT online action "Obtain priority document from DAS". This fully automated ePCT action will also validate the DAS code and cross-check priority data.

**▼ ACTIONS**

**REQUEST TO OBTAIN PRIORITY DOCUMENT FROM DAS**

Current date and time at recipient Office: Thursday, 08 June 2023, 10:03 CEST

Date of Request 08 Jun 2023

**SELECT THE PRIORITY CLAIM[S]**

Office/Country US Priority document available in DAS	Application Number 62/999,999 Filing Date 25 May 2022	Priority document Not yet received; expected from DAS (access code - 1255) DAS Request Date 02 May 2023 ; pending retrieval
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**SAVED CHANGES [1]**

Office/Country US	Application Number 62/999,999	DAS Access Code 1255	✎
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If you don't have access rights of the PCT application concerned in ePCT, you can upload a "General Correspondence" or send an "ePCT Message" to provide the DAS code. For detailed instructions on how to use the ePCT for this purpose, please refer to the [ePCT User Guide FAQs](#).

- (iv) The International Bureau will confirm safe receipt of the priority document for the PCT application concerned by the mean of Form PCT/IB/304.

**Note:** If the earlier application was an international application filed at RO/AU, RO/AT, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CN, RO/CO, RO/CU, RO/DE, RO/DK, RO/EA, RO/EP, RO/ES, RO/FI, RO/FR, RO/GE, RO/IB, RO/IL, RO/IN, RO/IR, RO/IT, RO/JP, RO/MA, RO/MX, RO/NL, RO/NO, RO/PE, RO/SK, RO/SE or RO/TR and you are now filing, a national or regional application which claims priority of the PCT application, before a DAS participating Office, then request that Office to retrieve the priority document from the DAS system. Please check with the Office concerned for the procedure on how to submit such a request.

### 3. REQUEST TO MAKE A PCT APPLICATION AVAILABLE IN DAS:

When RO/IB is the Office of First Filing and the application is prepared using ePCT, the best practice is to check the box: "The receiving Office is requested to make this international application available to the Priority Document Access Service (DAS)." It's also possible to do the same for receiving Offices accepting ePCT-Filings and depositing PCT applications in DAS, currently including RO/AU, RO/AT, RO/BR, RO/CA, RO/CL, RO/CO, RO/CU, RO/DE, RO/DK, RO/EA, RO/EP, RO/FI, RO/GE, RO/IL, RO/IN, RO/IR, RO/IT, RO/MA, RO/MX, RO/NO, RO/PE, RO/SE, RO/SK, RO/TR.

The screenshot shows the WIPO ePCT portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'WIPO IP PORTAL', 'MENU', 'ePCT [DEMO]', 'HELP', 'PASCAL PIRIOU', and 'WIPO'. Below this, there are tabs for 'PRIORITY DESIGNATIONS NAMES SEARCH DECLARATIONS BIOLOGY DOCUMENTS FEES SIGNATURE' and 'VALIDATION ACCESS RIGHTS HISTORY'. The main content area is titled 'D-DAS' and contains a form with the following fields:

Applicant/Agent's file reference *	Language of Request *
D- DAS	EN - English
Receiving Office:	Language of filing of the international application *
IB - International Bureau of WIPO	EN - English
<a href="#">Look up national security requirements</a>	
Filing method	
ePCT-Filing	

Below the form, there is a checkbox that is checked, with the text: "The receiving Office is requested to make this international application available to the Priority Document Access Service (DAS) (provided that an international application number and international filing date is accorded to this purported international application)." At the bottom right of the form, there are 'Cancel' and 'Update' buttons.

To make such a request after filing to **RO/IB only**, select the ePCT action “[Make international application available to DAS](#)”. The applicant can also request RO/IB to register an application into DAS by means of a letter, preferably uploaded via ePCT.

Once the earlier application has been registered, RO/IB will send to the applicant/agent a unique access code via PCT/RO/132.

#### 4. IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON USING DAS WITH US APPLICATIONS:

National US patent applications are automatically registered in DAS after filing by USPTO. If the applicant doesn't want their applications to go into DAS, please refer to [Opt-out DAS in USPTO](#). In case the applicant has requested to opt out the earlier application from DAS, the applicant can afterwards request the USPTO to 'opt in' the P.doc to DAS by filing in the appropriate Forms PTO/SB/01 or PTO/SB/39.

Even if the DAS code (confirmation number) is provided at the time of filing on the electronic acknowledgement receipt, it does not mean that the earlier application is registered in DAS. It might take up to 6-7 weeks for USPTO to register an earlier application in DAS. Furthermore, an earlier application will not be registered in DAS until national security clearance has been granted.

**Note:** USPTO only deposits national patent applications in DAS and not PCT applications.

Applicants can contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 571-272-4100 (local) or 1-866-217-9197 (toll-free) or by e-mail [PDX@uspto.gov](mailto:PDX@uspto.gov) for further details or any issue with DAS.

#### 5. SUPPORT

For any PCT DAS related questions, please contact the PCT Operations Customer Support Section, available Monday to Friday from 09:00 until 18:00 Central European Time, by email [pct.eservices@wipo.int](mailto:pct.eservices@wipo.int) or by calling +41 22 338 9523.

[Contact form for DAS](#) is also available for you to submit any DAS related question.

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