

The Bahamas joins the PCT

Last May 19, 2026, the Bahamas deposited its instrument of accession to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), which will enter into force for that country on August 19, 2026. With the accession of the Bahamas, the PCT now has 159 member states.

Starting August 19, 2026:

- Applicants and inventors in The Bahamas can file a single international application under the PCT to apply for patent protection in the territories of all members of the PCT system.
- Bahamian innovators benefit from a consolidated path to protect their inventions in new markets – including major export destinations such as the United States, Canada, and Europe.
- **Foreign innovators and companies can use the PCT system to seek patent protection for their inventions in The Bahamas.**

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