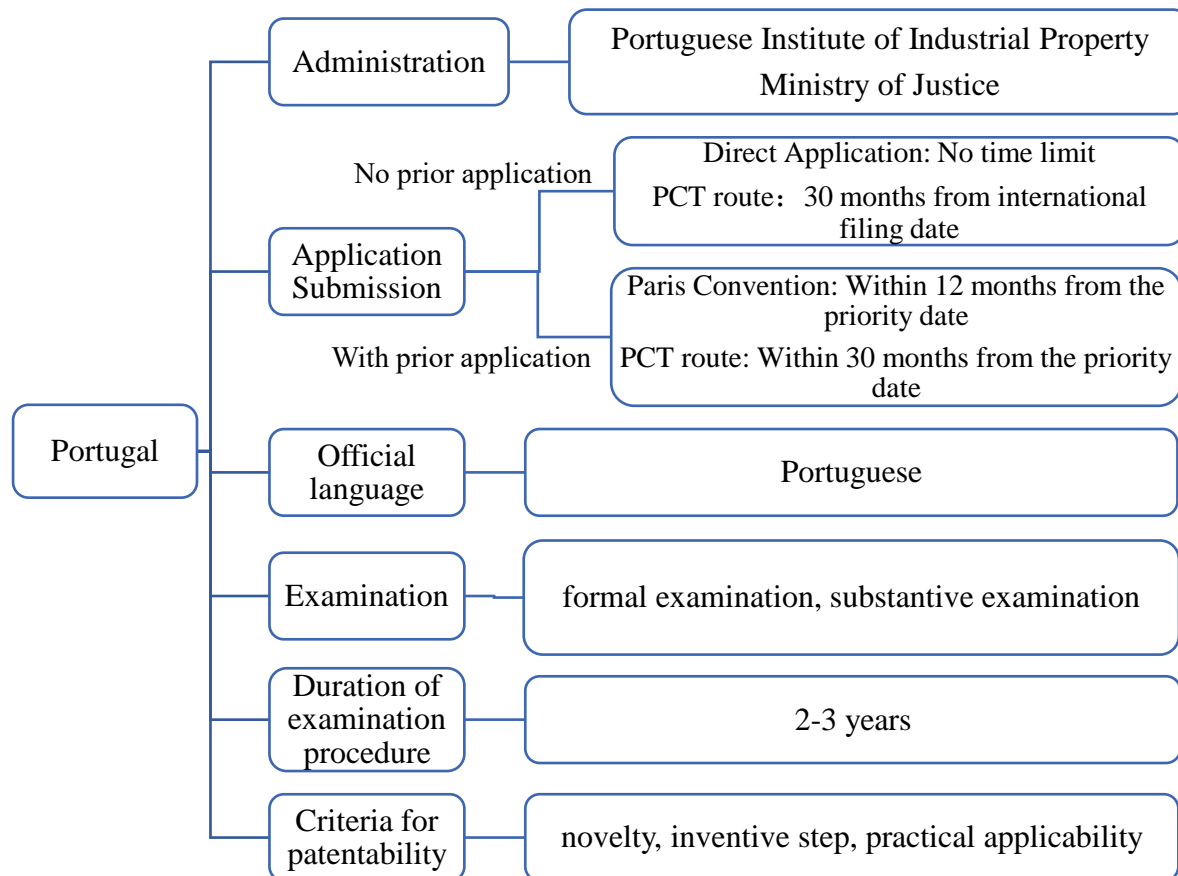


Guidance on Patent Application for Invention in Portugal

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

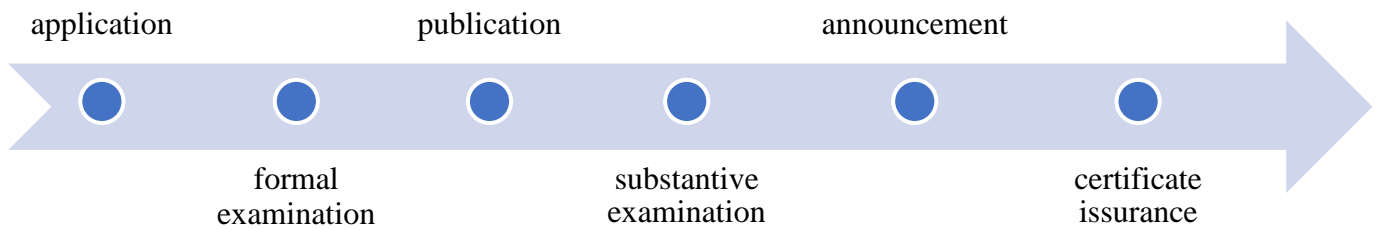
the applicant's name or company name, address and nationality of the applicant(s) and inventor(s);

indication of the number, date and country of priority (if any);

application text (title, description, claims, abstract and drawings) in Portuguese or English



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- Patents in Portugal are valid for 20 years from the filing date.
- Annual fees become due starting from the third year from the filing or priority date. (The first two annual fees are included in the filing fee. The discount of 100% for the third and fourth annual fees is provided by the Portuguese Patent Office. However, the applicant must indicate to the Office that the patent should be renewed for the third and fourth years.)
- All subsequent annual fees must be paid within six months before the anniversary of the filing or priority date.

V. Note

- The patent protection in Portugal may also be obtained via European Patent and its further validation in Portugal.

