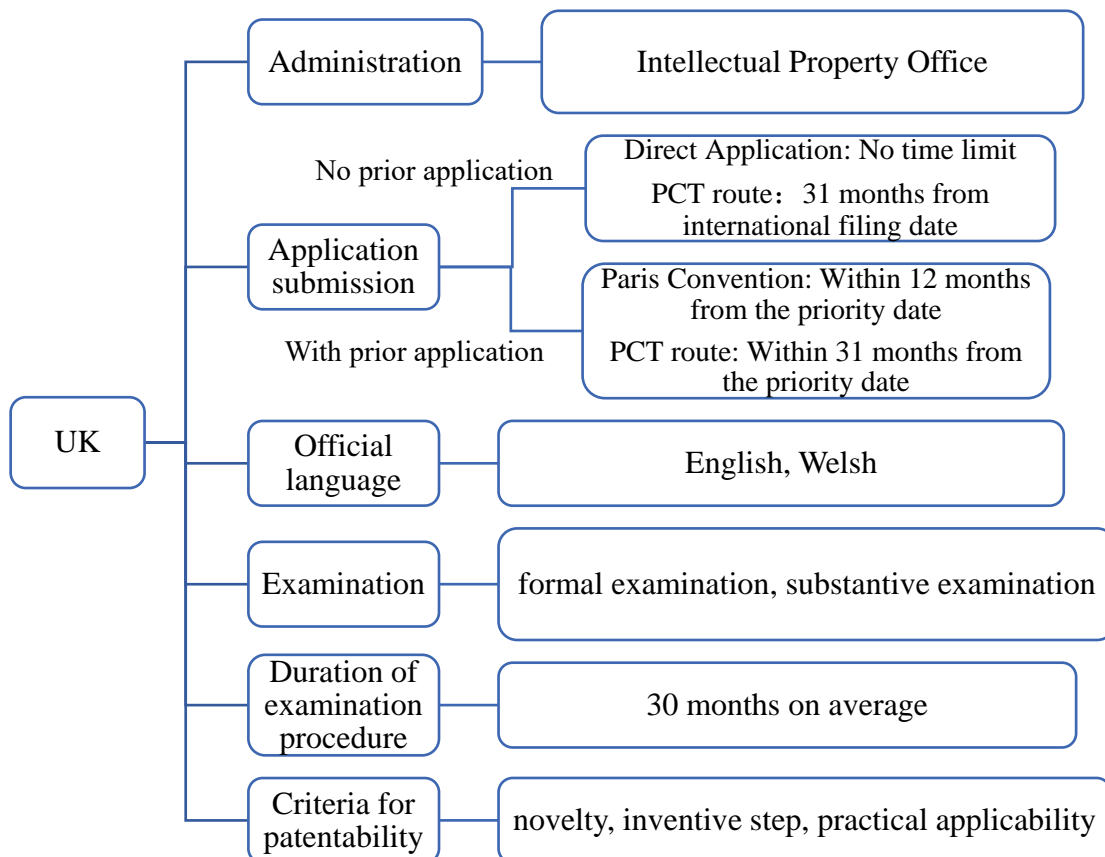


Guidance on Patent Application for Invention in UK

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

Document set on application

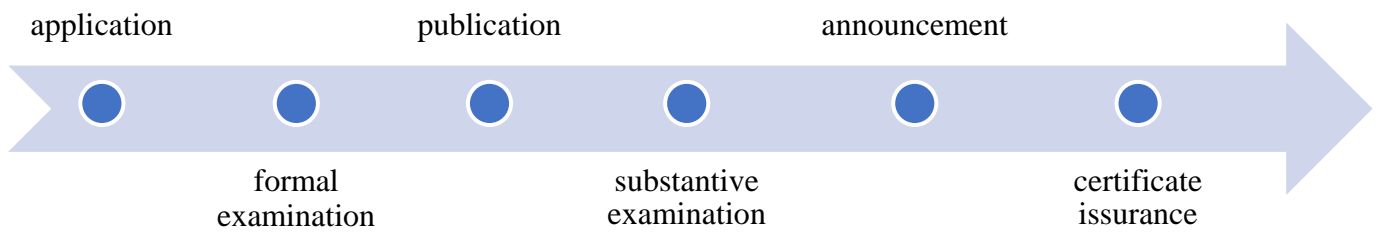
- request to grant a patent;
- contact details of the applicant;
- something which is or appears to be a description or a reference to an earlier application.

a certified copy of the Priority Document (If not in the English or Welsh language, a translation may be required).

If the applicant is not an inventor, the statement of inventorship (**Assignment Deed**) should be provided.



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- Patents in the UK are in force for twenty years from the filing date.
- The first annuity is due on the 4th anniversary of the filing date, but it is only payable at granting of the patent.

V. Note

- European Patent is valid in the United Kingdom automatically.

