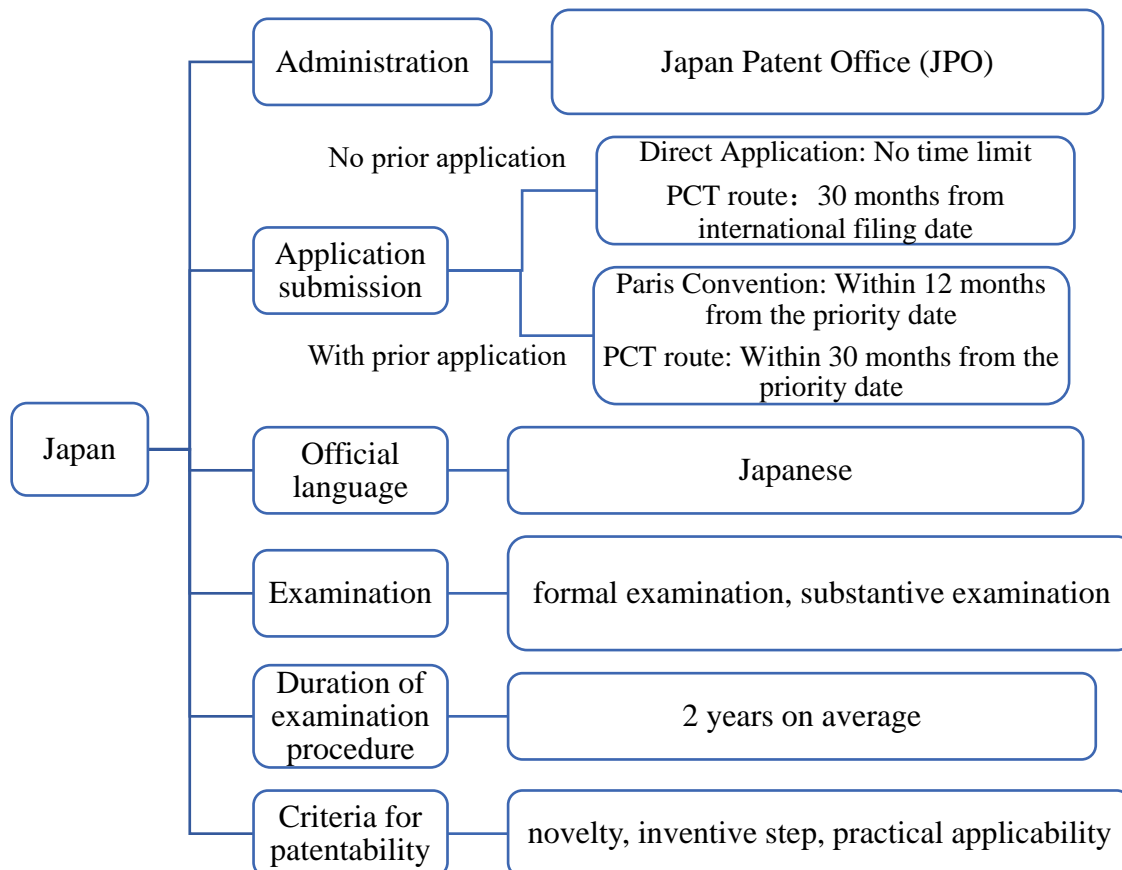


Guidance on Patent Application for Invention in Japan

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

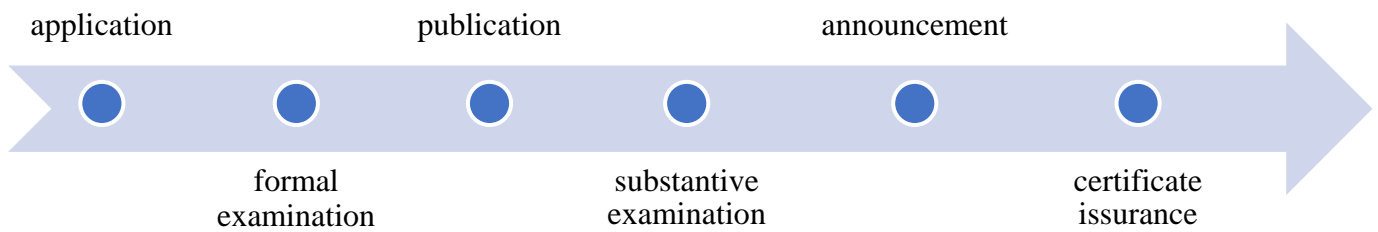
Document set on application

- a request to grant a patent in Japan;
- a description of the invention;
- applicant's and inventor's details.

a certified copy of the **Priority Document**



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- A patent in Japan is valid for twenty years from the filing date.
- The annuities for the first three years should be paid simultaneously with the grant fee. The maintenance fees for the fourth and subsequent years must be paid annually before the anniversary of the original grant date.

