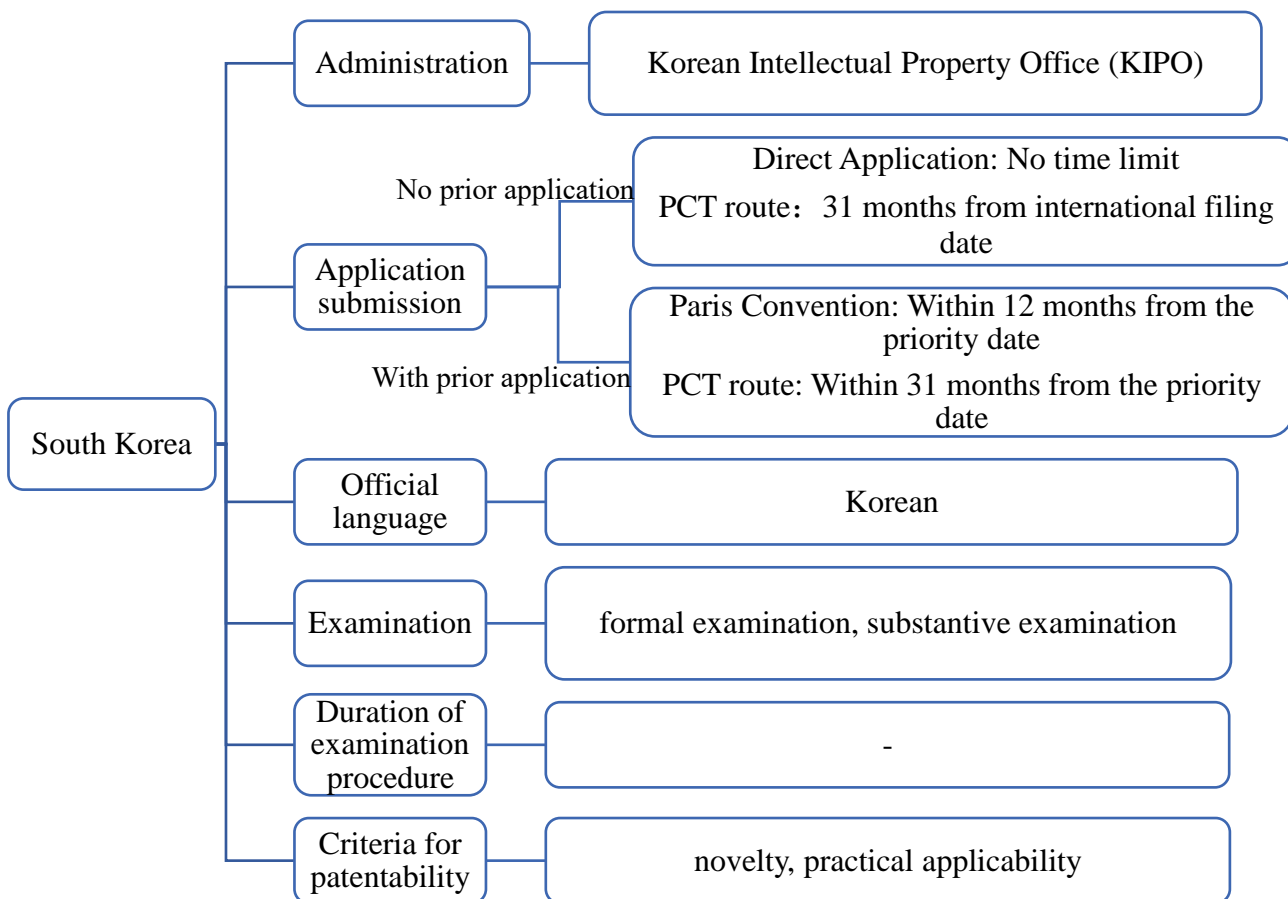
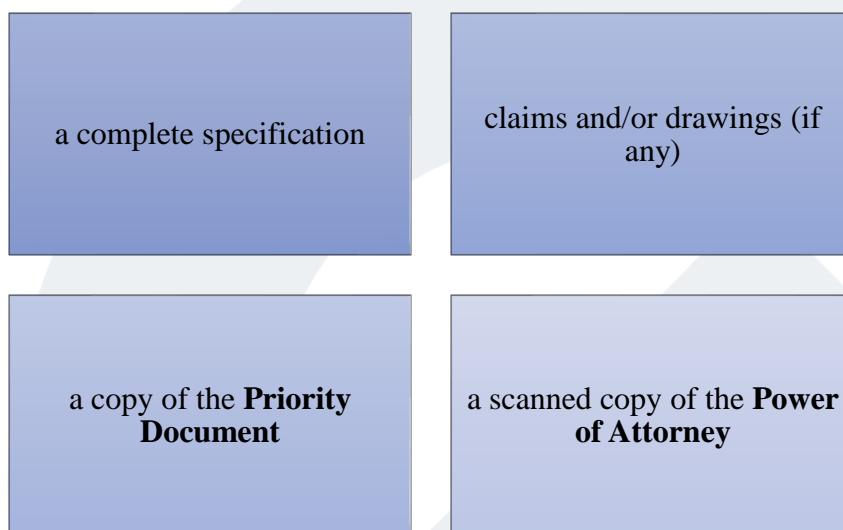


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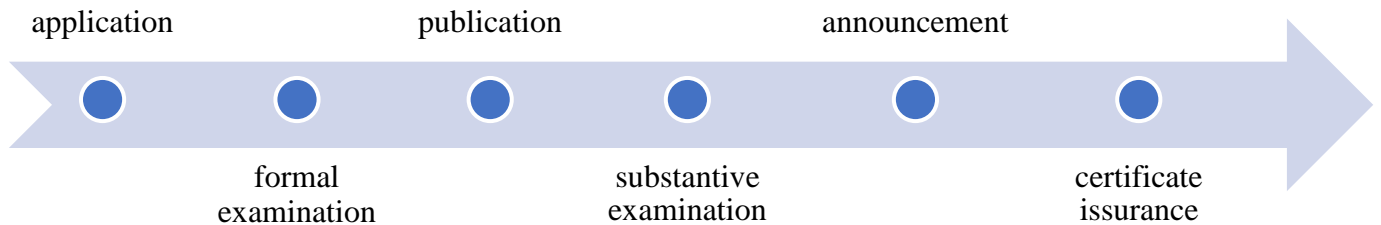
I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- A patent in South Korea is valid for ten 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.

V. Note

- Applications for utility model undergo formal and substantive examinations. Applicants shall request for substantive examinations in 3 years from the filing date. Otherwise, the application would be considered withdrawn.

