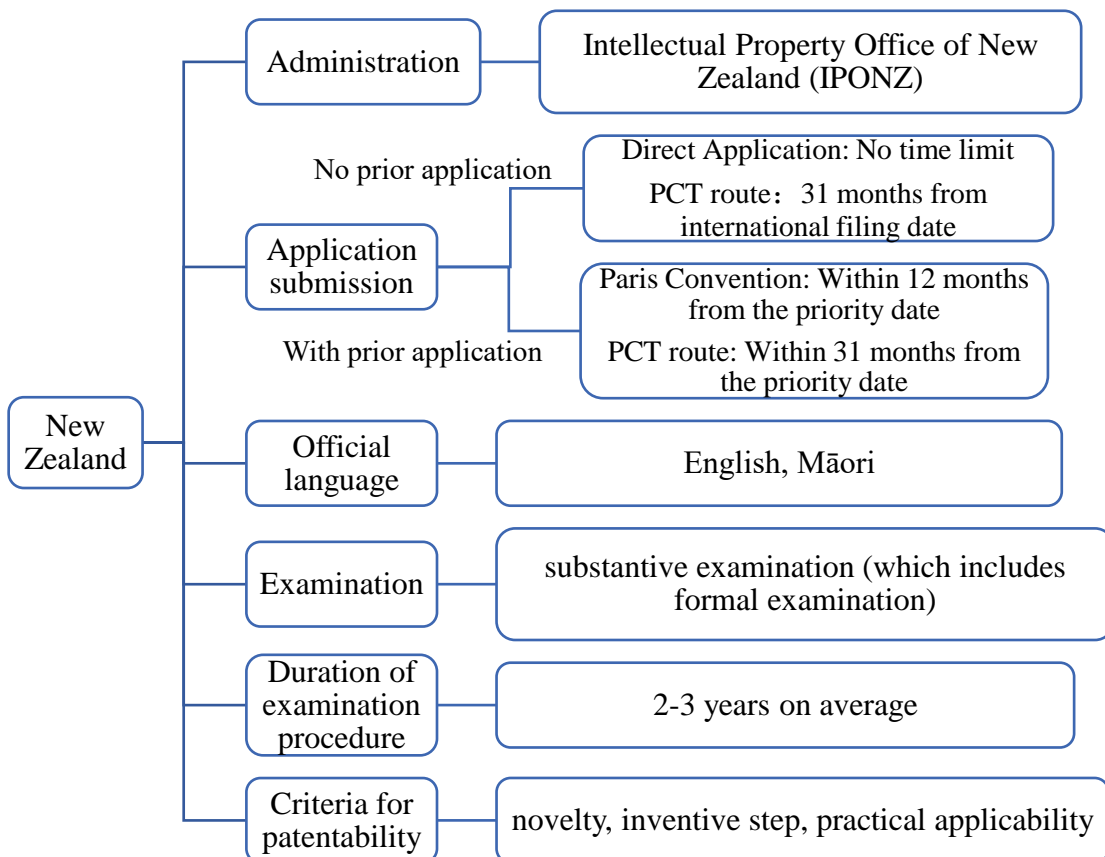


Guidance on Patent Application for Invention in New Zealand

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

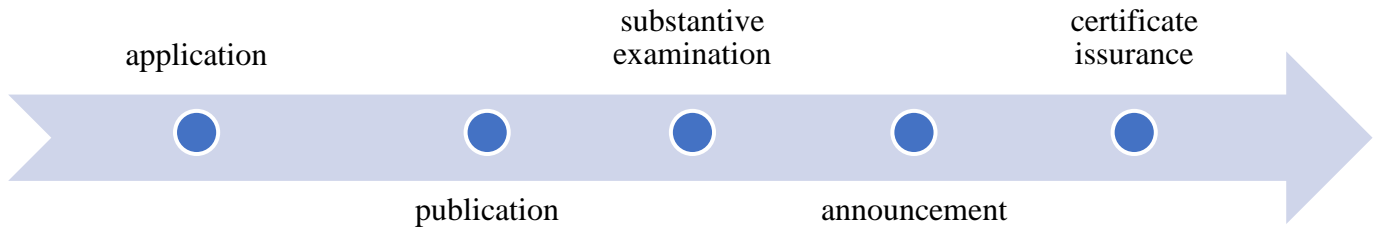
Document set on application

- applicant's and inventor's details
- full specification (including claims and drawings) and abstract;
- application confirmation;

Priority Document



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- A patent of invention in Canada is valid for twenty years from the filing date.
- Annual fee payments are required from the fourth anniversary of the filing of your complete specification.

V. Note

Application with a provisional specification:

- It is one types of patent application in New Zealand. A provisional specification broadly describes an invention, often in less detail than a complete specification. By itself, a provisional specification is not enough to obtain a patent – a complete specification must also be filed.
- You might choose to file a provisional specification if your invention is at an early stage of development, and you want to 'buy' more time for research and development. The benefit is that the filing date can be a start date for your patent.
- The application will be considered abandoned if the applicant fails to file a complete specification within 12 months (extendable to 15 months, at the applicant's request).

