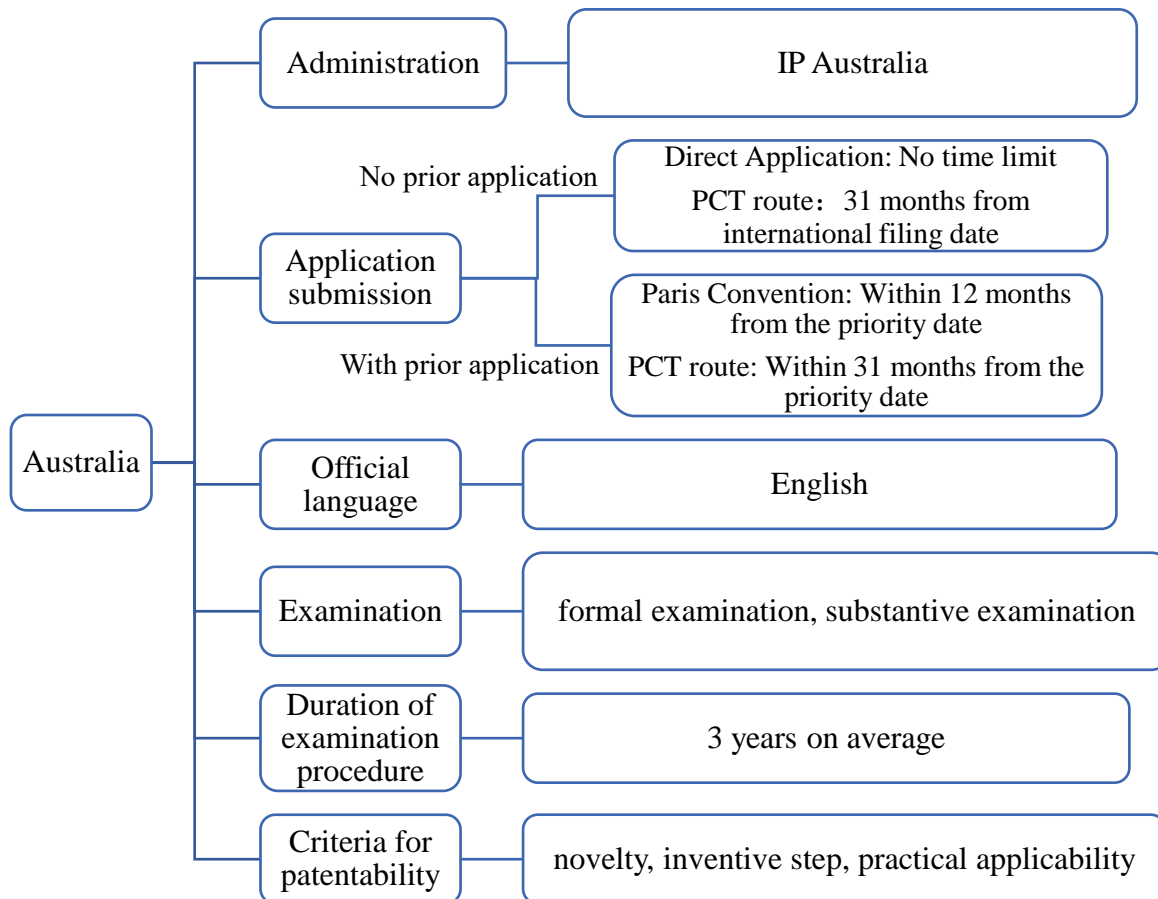


## Guidance on Patent Application for Inventions in Australia

### I. Overview



### II. Application Documents Requested

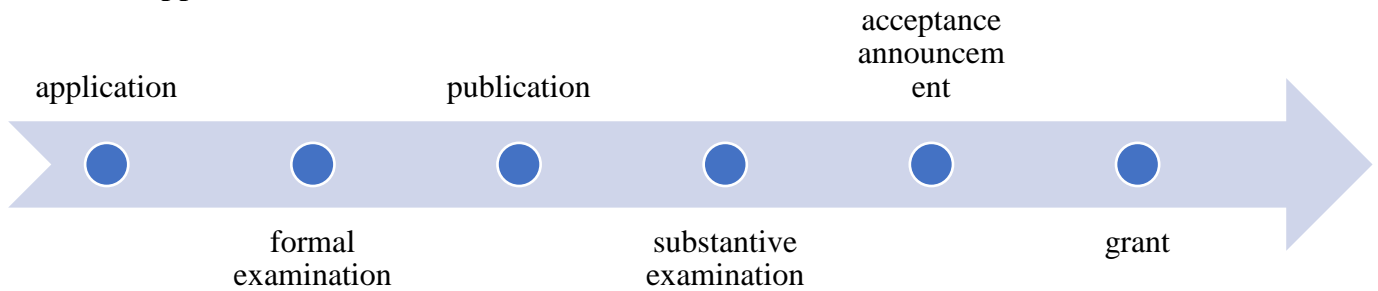
#### Document set on application

- Ownership and inventor details (including postal address)
- Contact details of an Australian or New Zealand agent
- Prepared specification that describes your invention in detail, formatted in line with our guidelines

**Priority Document and Assignment Deed** (only required on request of the Australian Patent Office or a third party)



### III. Application Process



### IV. Validity Term

- Patents in Australia are valid for 20 years from the filing date.
- Annual fees are due each year starting from the 5th one and should be paid before the expiry of the 4th anniversary of the filing date.

### V. Note

#### Innovation patent:

- An innovation patent was a type of patent that protected an incremental advance on existing technology.
- This type of patent has been phased out in 2020, and the last day for filing was 25 August 2021.
- Existing innovation patents that were filed on or before 25 August 2021 (AEST) will continue in force until their expiry. (8 years)

