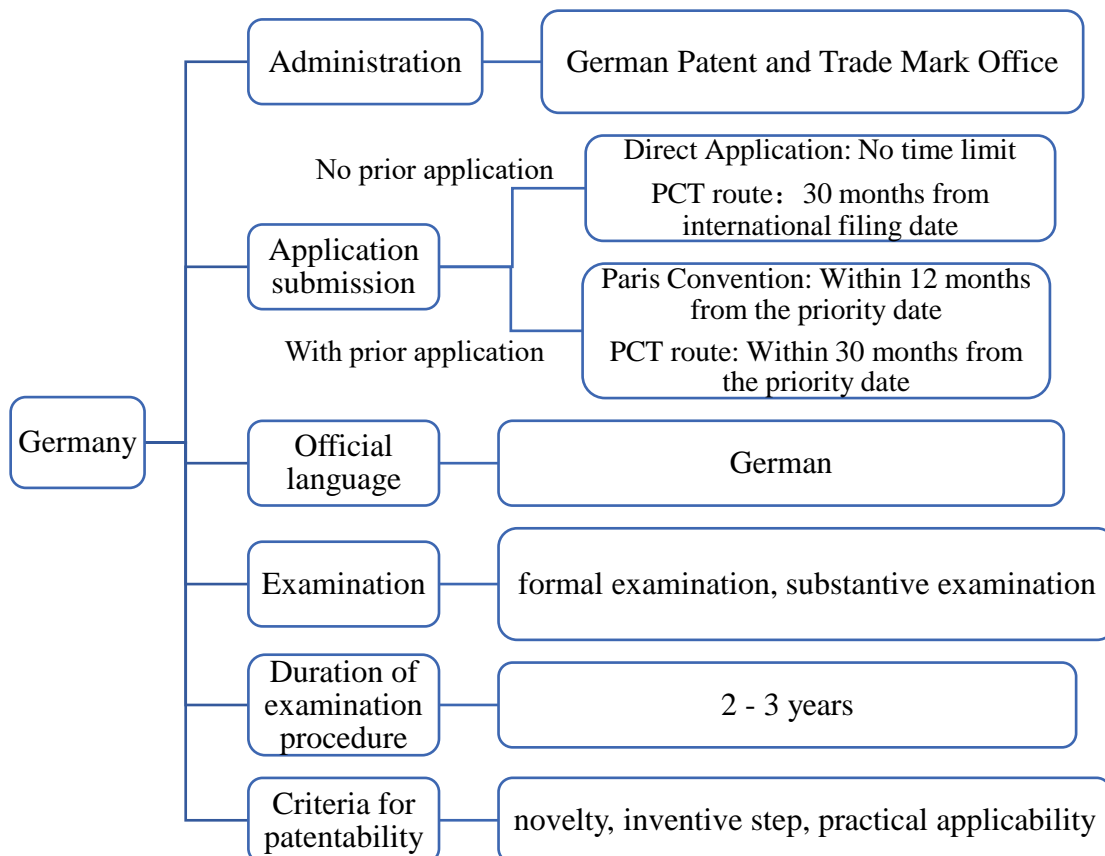


Guidance on Patent Application for Invention in Germany

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

Document set on application

- a request for the grant of a patent;
- specification, i.e. description of the invention, claims, drawings, if any, and abstract.

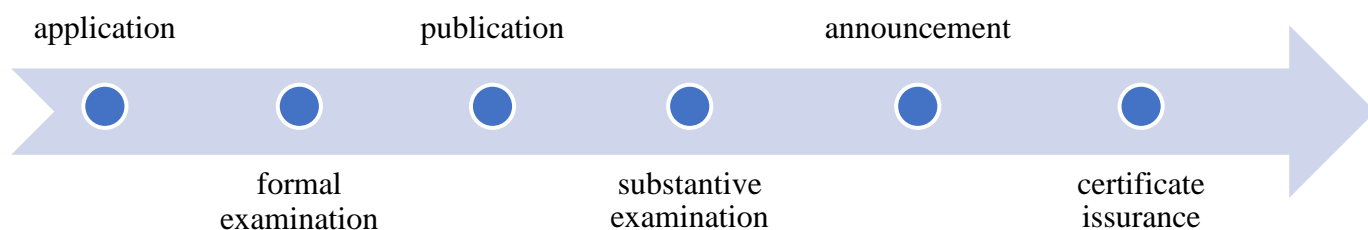
A copy of the Priority Document (If not in English, French, Italian or Spanish, a German translation shall be submitted).

The **POA** should be submitted only in case the representative is not a German Patent Attorney

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



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- Patents in Germany are in force for twenty years from the filing date.
- Annual fees are due each year starting from the 3rd one and should be paid before the expiry of the last day of the month in which the anniversary of the filing date occurs.

V. Note

- The patent protection in Germany may also be obtained via European patent which is valid in Germany automatically.

