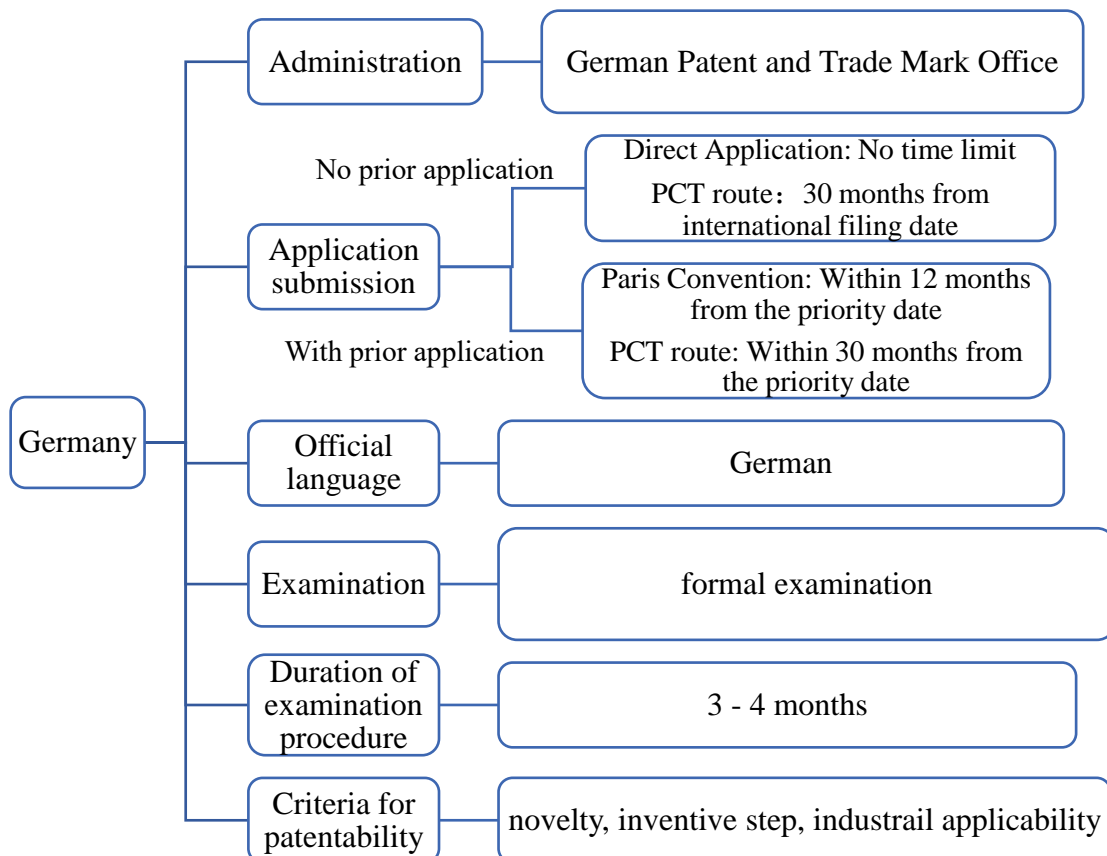


## Guidance on Patent Application for Utility Model in Germany

### I. Overview



### II. Application Documents Requested

#### Document set on application

- Request for registration;
- Specification, i.e. description of the invention, claims, drawings, if any.

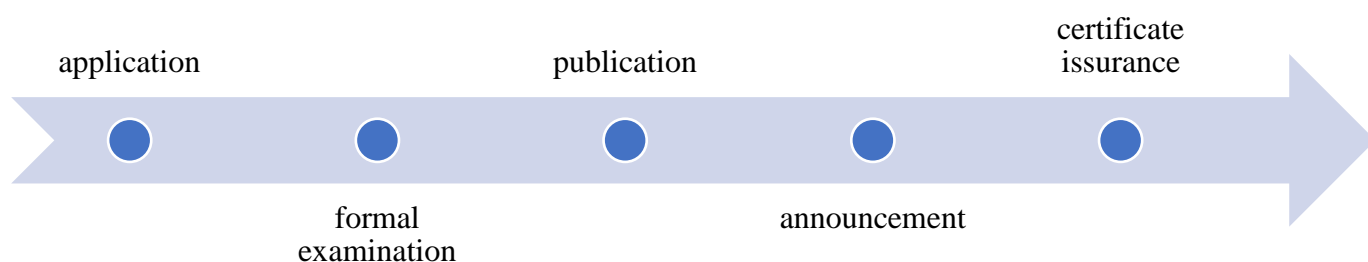
**A copy of the Priority Document** (If not in English, French, Italian or Spanish, a German translation shall be submitted).

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

- Utility model in Germany are in force for ten years from the filing date.
- At the beginning of the fourth year, you have to pay the maintenance fees for the protection of your utility model. The subsequent maintenance fees shall be paid after six years, and 8 years.

### V. Note

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

