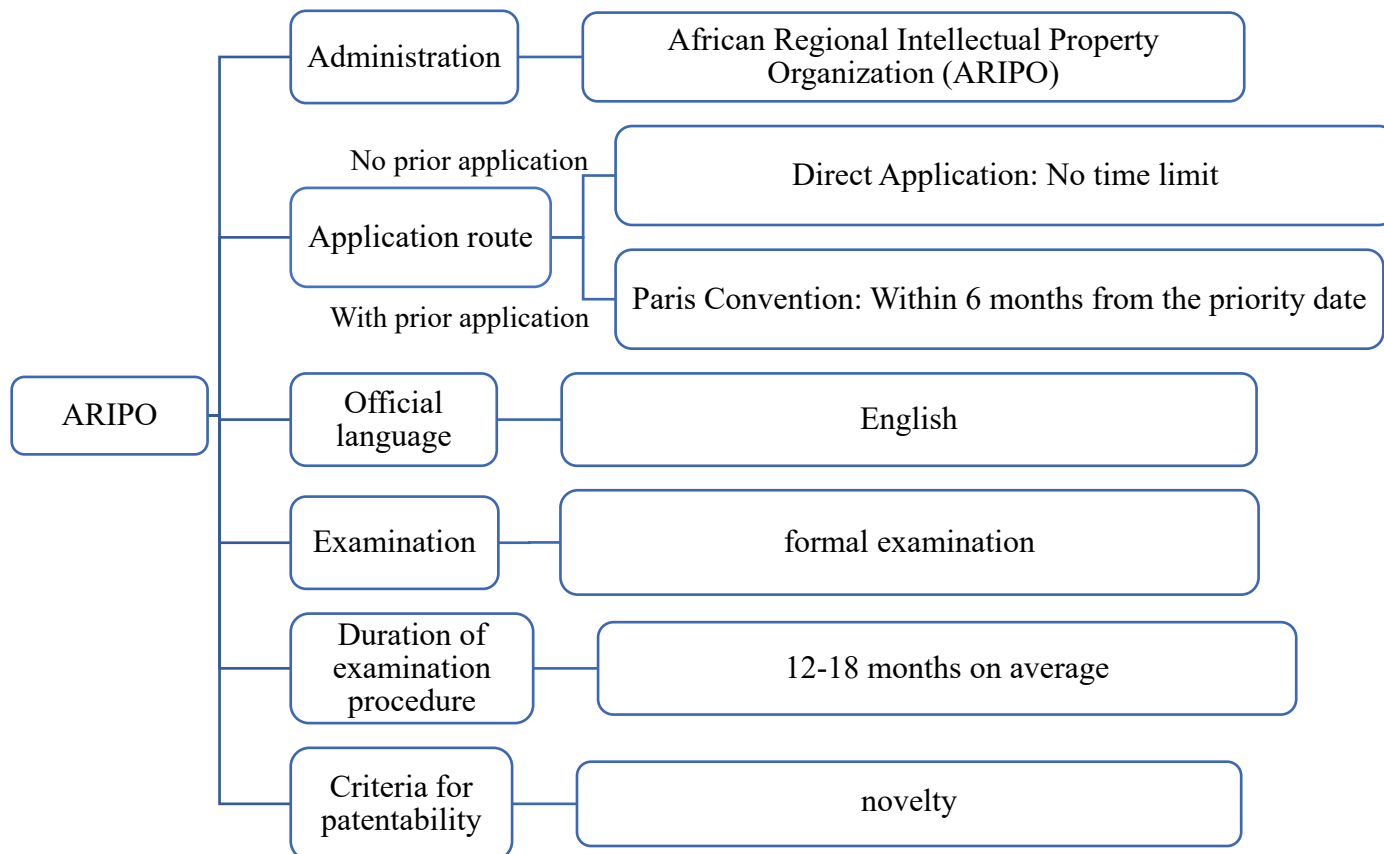


Guidance on Industrial Design Application in ARIPO

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

Document set on application

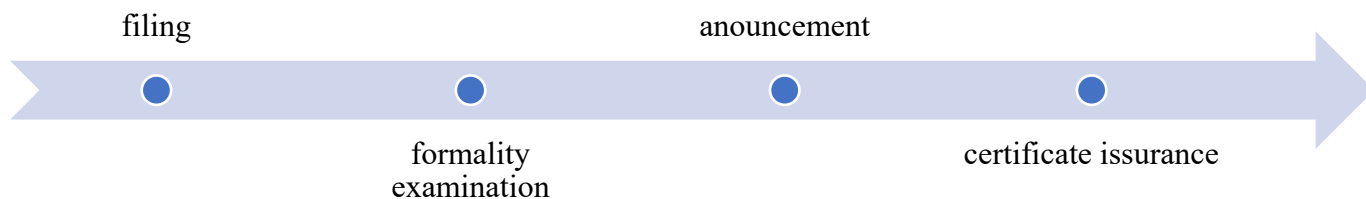
- fully completed request for registration of the design form (Form 28)
- a reproduction of the industrial designs to be registered
- a designation of the contracting states in respect of which protection of the industrial design is sought
- fees payment or an undertaking to pay fees within 21 days

power of attorney;

priority document if applicable.



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- The term of an ARIPO industrial design shall be 15 years from the date of filing of the application, subject to the payment of maintenance fees.

VI. Note

- ARIPO is empowered to register and administer designs on behalf of the Harare Protocol Contracting States in accordance with the provisions of the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs. The Harare Protocol was adopted on December 10, 1982 at Harare, Zimbabwe. The protocol entered into force in 1984.
- Under the protocol, an applicant for a design can be done by filing only one application, designate any one of the Harare Protocol Contracting States in which that applicant wishes the design to be accorded protection. The protocol requires the filing of the application to be made with any one of the Contracting States or directly with the ARIPO Office.
- There are 20 Contracting States, namely; Botswana, Cabo Verde, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

