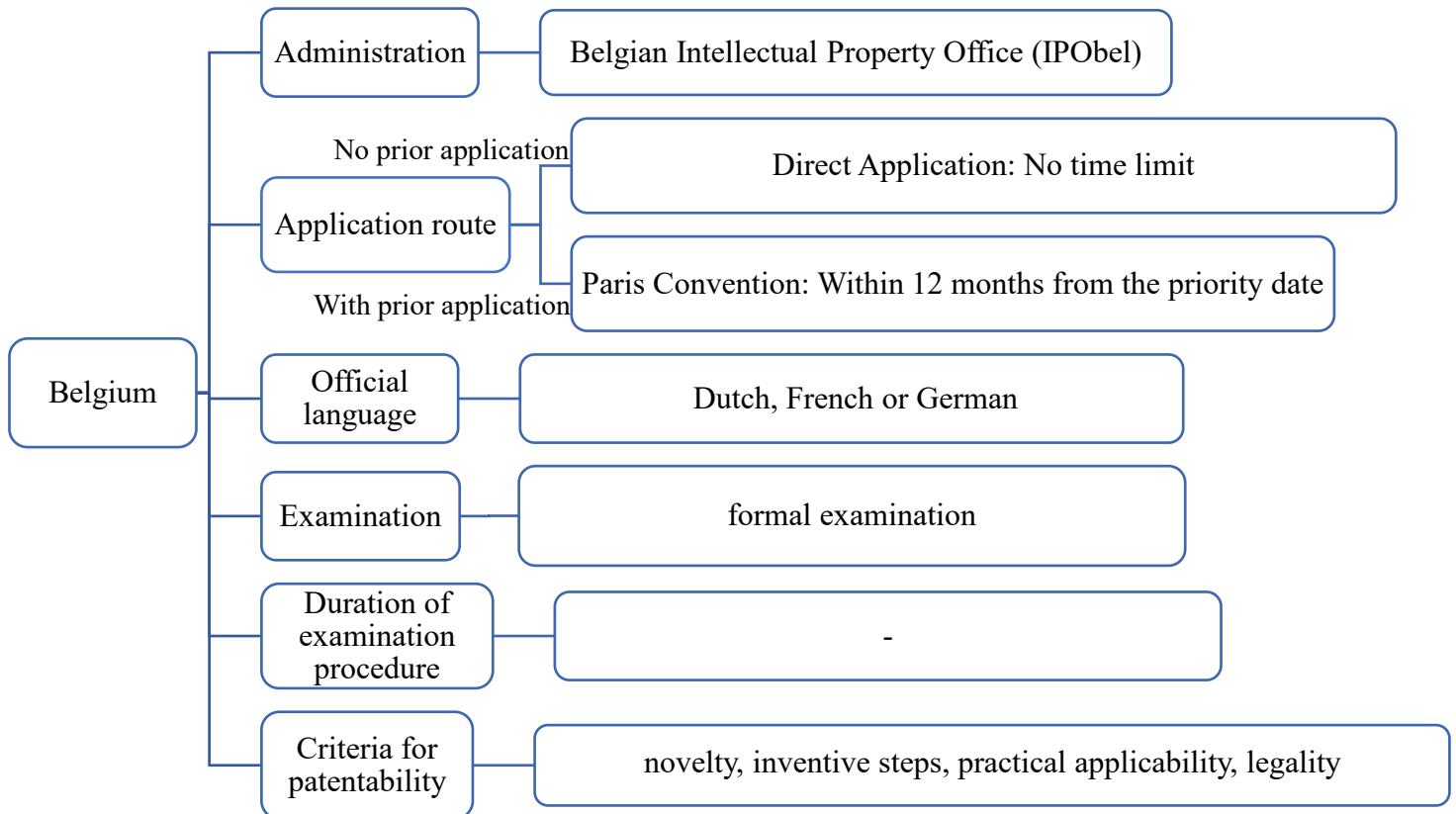


Guidance on Patent (Invention) Application in Belgium

I. Overview



II. Application Documents Requested

Request for grant of patent;

Applicant's and inventor's details;

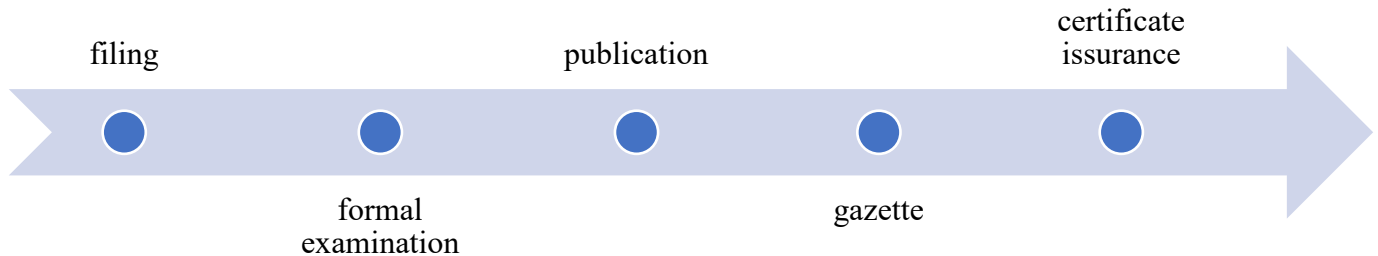
Description;

Claims, drawings, if any, and abstract.

Priority Document



III. Application Process



IV. Validity Term

- The protection period for a patent shall be 20 years as of the date of filing the application in Belgium.
- Annual fee shall be paid as of the third year until the expiration of the patent protection period.

V. Note

- Patent protection in Belgium may be obtained via registration of a European patent which is valid in Belgium automatically.

