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REQUIREMENTS

- Full details of the applicant (name and address).
- Full details of the inventor (name and address).
- Title of patent.
- Description, claims and abstract of the patent.
- Drawings.
- Details of priority (date, number and country), if applicable.
- Statement declaring whether the invention has been made available to the public prior to the filing date.

PROCEDURE

After filing the patent application will be subjected to a preliminary examination following which, the application will be published in the Official Gazette. Within the following 12 months of publication, the applicant needs to request formal examination of the application and pay the corresponding examination fee. Once the fee has been paid the patent will be examined by the Patent Office for novelty.

If the application receives no objections from the Patent Office, the average time scale from application to granting of the patent is approximately five years.

OBSERVATIONS

- The patent is valid for 20 years from date of filing.
- The annuity fees are required to be paid from the second year after the date of filing. These fees apply even if the application has not yet completed the registration phase.