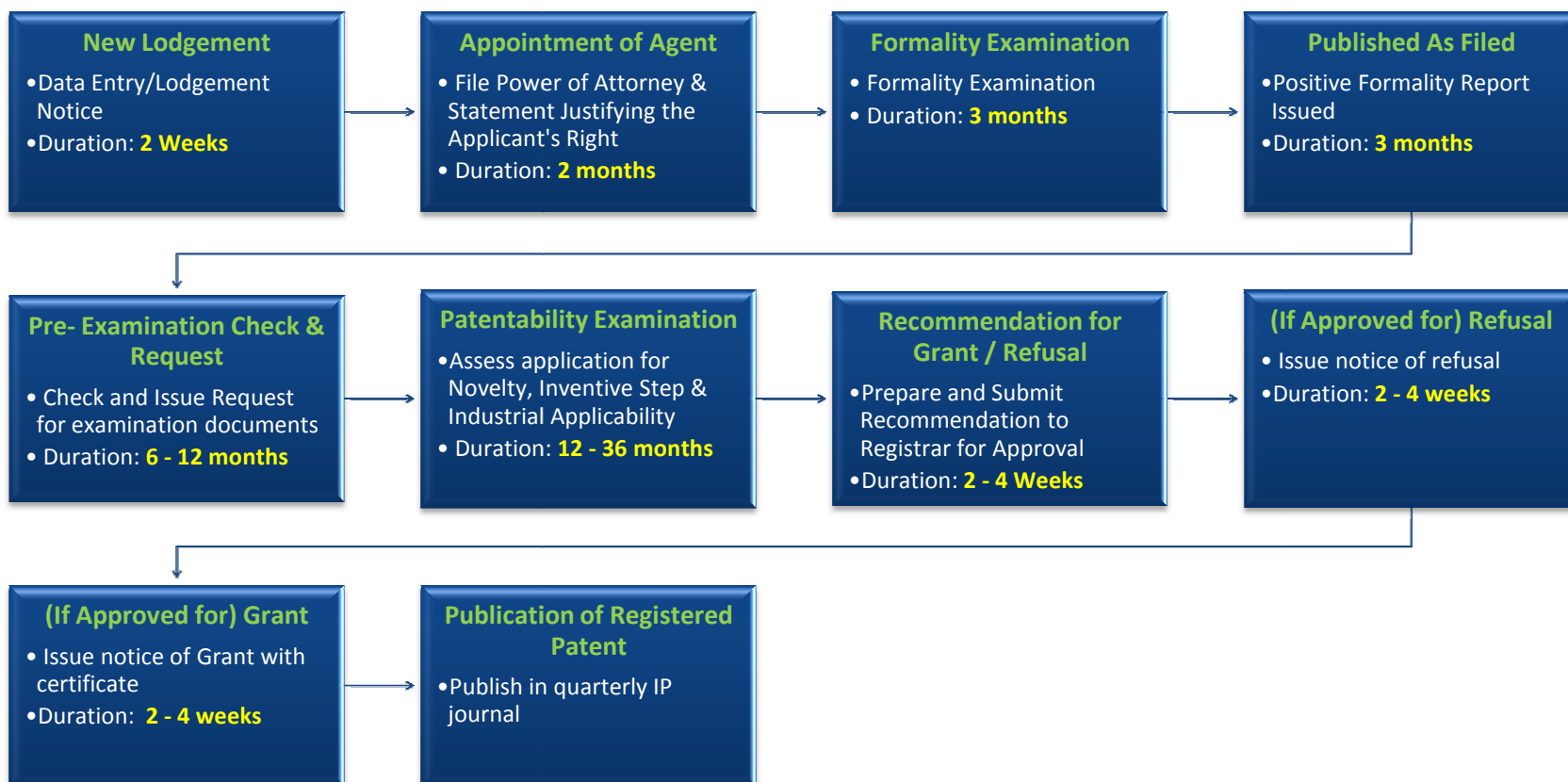


PATENT REGISTRATION PROCESS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA



SPECIAL NOTE:

- Where the applicant fails to file a response to an office request, the applicant is sent a **reminder notice** and an **additional 6 months** from the date of the notice is given to the applicant to provide the response and pay the extension of time fee for the delay.
- Once the additional 6 months expires, **a notice of abandonment is issued** and the application is considered to have been abandoned so it remains in that status for **12 months** to allow applicant to restore the application. To revive the application, a written request for re-instatement must be filed along with a statutory declaration explaining the reason for delay. If the request is approved by the office, a remedial fee will be requested for the extended period of filing from the applicant along with the outstanding response.
- If no re-instatement is requested, the application proceeds to refusal.