

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)  
Registry of Patents  
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As part of the performance pledge for IP registration for patents, patent applicants can obtain a grant of their Singapore application within a period of 12 months from the filing of the application, where the requirements below are met.

12 months to patent grant if:

- ✓ The Singapore application is first filed at IPOS, i.e. IPOS is the first office of filing with no earlier priority claim ; or  
The Singapore application filed at IPOS validly claims priority under section 17 of the Singapore Patents Act (Cap.221) from an earlier patent application, i.e. IPOS is the second or subsequent office of filing.
- ✓ Patents Form 1 (Request for grant of patent), prescribed fee and complete patent specification is filed ;
- ✓ Patents Form 11 (Request for search and examination report) and prescribed fee is filed on the same day Patents Form 1 is filed ;
- ✓ Formalities examination is issued and there are no deficiencies ;
- ✓ The first action of the examiner during search and examination is a favourable search and examination report ;
- ✓ Patents Form 14 (Payment of fee for grant of patent) is filed within 2 months from the notice of eligibility to proceed to the grant of the patent ;
- ✓ Patents Form 9 (Request for early publication) is filed on the same day Patents Form 14 is filed for Singapore applications first filed at IPOS ;
- ✓ The patent applicant adheres to specific time limits for action.