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Requirements for obtaining a patent grant under the 12 Months File-to-Grant Scheme (Launched 1 August 2014, updated 4 May 2020)

Patent applicants can obtain a grant of their Singapore application within a period of 12 months from the filing of the application under the 12 Months File-to-Grant (“12MG”) scheme, if all the requirements below are met:

- Patents Form 1 (Request for Grant of Patent) and Patents Form 11 (Request for Search and Examination Report) filed using IP²SG and on the same day.¹
- A *FastTrack* supporting document is submitted with Patents Form 1 and Patents Form 11, stating the reason(s) for acceleration, and the technology field to which the application relates.

An example is provided below:

I would like to request for patent acceleration under 12 Months File-to-Grant.

Technology Field: Artificial intelligence

Reason(s) for Acceleration: This invention is in an emerging technology field and I would like to accelerate the patent grant process to introduce my product to the market earlier. [*Please elaborate further.*]

- There are no deficiencies in the formalities examination.
- 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.

¹ Divisional applications are not considered under this scheme.