



## INFORMATION SHEET FOR INVENTION PATENT AND UTILITY MODEL APPLICATIONS IN MACAO

<b>Document required</b>	Patent/Utility model specification, inventor and applicant particulars, original certified copy of priority document (if priority is claimed) and notarized Power of Attorney
<b>Language</b>	Chinese or Portuguese
<b>Examination</b>	Formality and Substantive examination
<b>Application Procedures</b>	1) Filing the application; 2) substantive examination; 3) office actions; 4) decision to grant or reject the application; 5) if granting, then publication to allow opposition; 6) if no opposition, then grant
<b>Processing time for registration</b>	2 – 4 years from date of filing the application
<b>Patent Renewal and duration</b>	Patent/Utility model annual fees must be paid to maintain the validity of the patent/utility model. Annuity must be paid at the annual anniversary of the filing date of the granted patent/utility model in order to maintain those right. The term of an invention patent is 20 years from the filing date of the application. The term of a utility model is 6 years from the filing date of the application, which is extendable two times each with 2 additional years, so that the maximum duration of the registration is 10 years from the filing date of the application
<b>Assignment</b>	An original assignment contract
<b>Licensing</b>	An original written agreement of the license

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