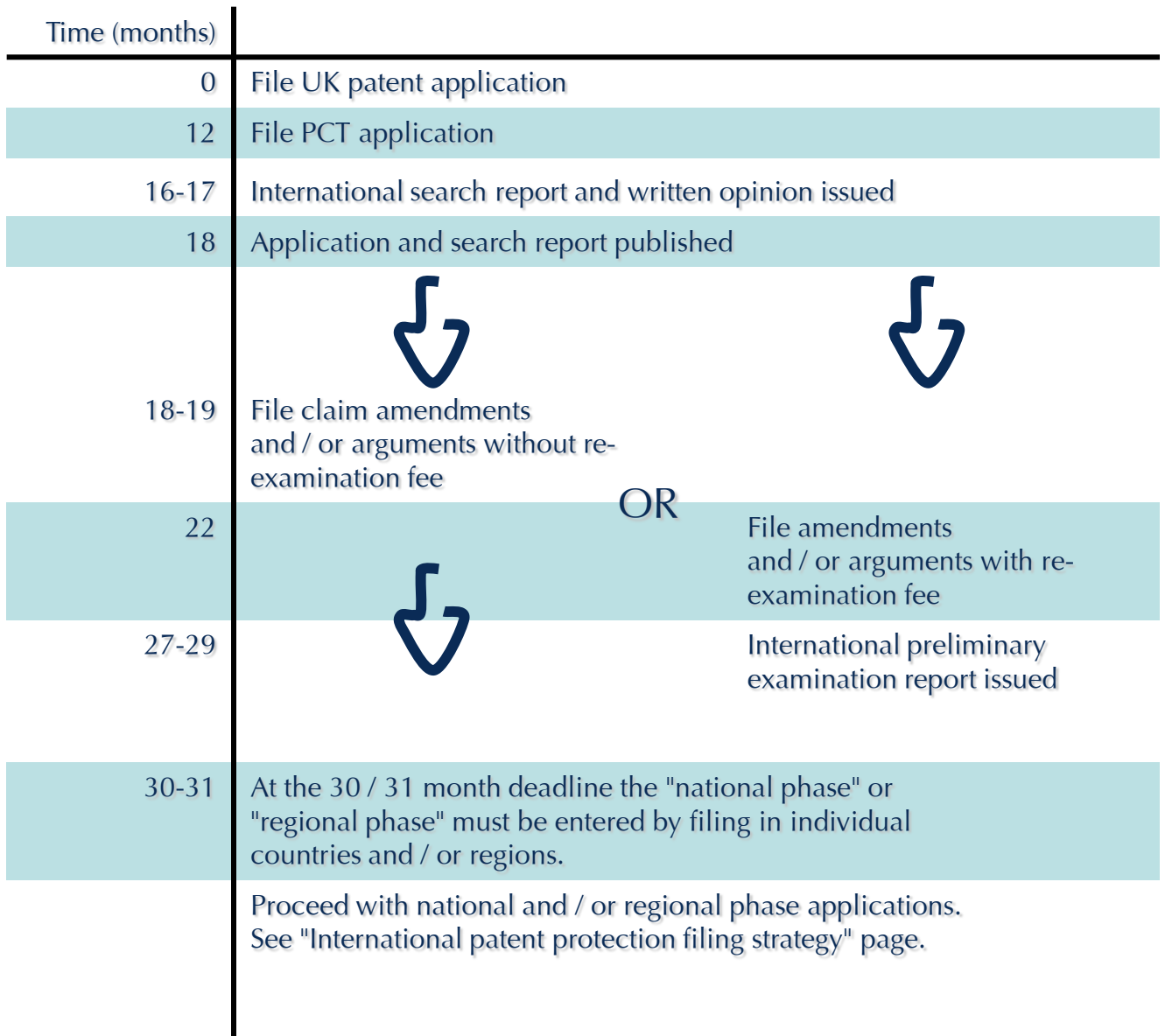


Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Application Timeline

The following timeline charts the events throughout the life of a PCT or "international" application.

PCT applications are administered by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), although can be filed at the IPO.

The main benefit of the PCT application is to defer the costs of national patent protection until 30-31 months from the priority date (rather than 12 months)



This timeline is for guidance only, and the actual deadlines will vary from case to case.