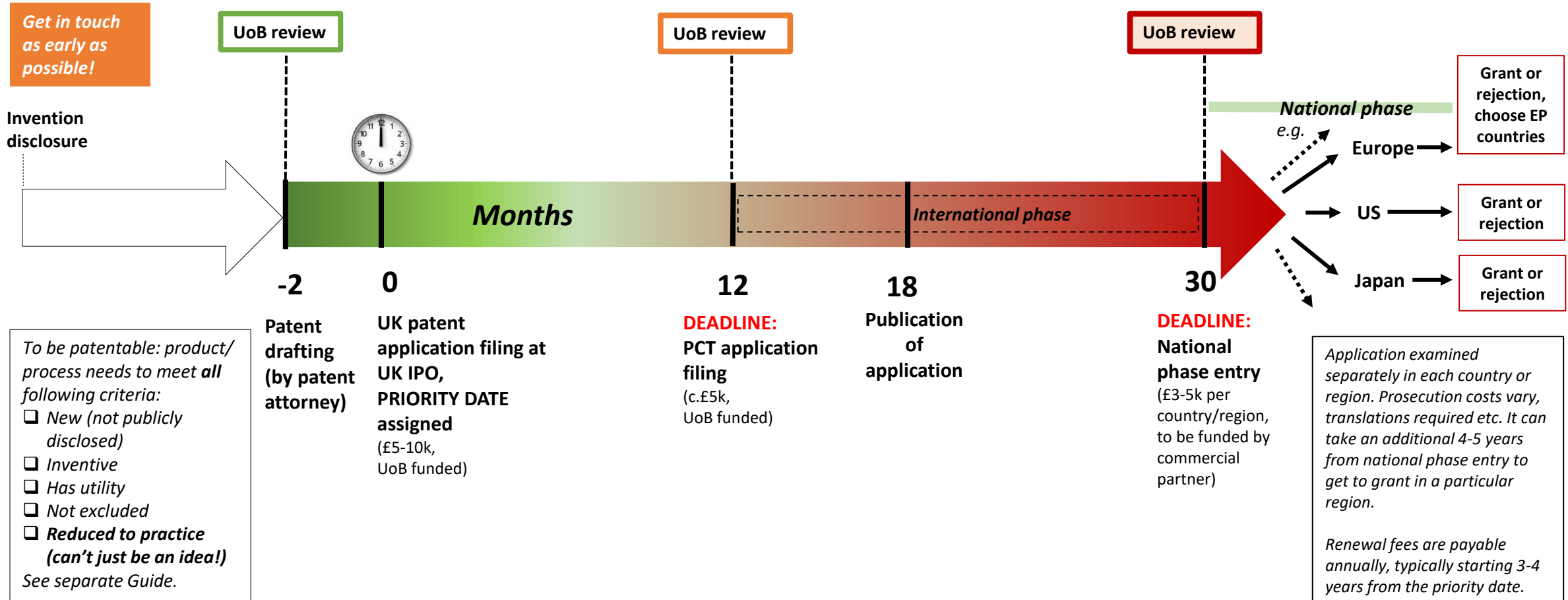


# Patent process timeline



NB: There are other deadlines and costs during the process, only the major deadlines are highlighted. The application can lapse for lack of meeting various deadlines or not paying the various fees.