

### Republic of the Philippines

Aside from existing work sharing programs which guarantee accelerated examination process over regular patent applications, the 2022 Revised IRR on Inventions provides for an Accelerated Substantive Examination<sup>1</sup> upon request of the applicant.

The Bureau of Patents is in the process of drafting the guidelines on expedited examinations as provided in the 2022 Revised IRR.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 804.1 Request for Accelerated Substantive Examination. - An applicant may file a request for accelerated examination with payment of the prescribed fee after the application has been published in the IPOPHL E-Gazette and the request for substantive examination has been filed, in accordance with the accelerated examination procedures which may be promulgated by the Office. Approval for accelerated examination is subject to the approval of the Director of Patents.