

## UK registered design application





The documents/information/instructions required by us to prepare a UK design application for filing at the UK Intellectual Property Office are as follows:

- The full name, address and nationality/state of incorporation of each applicant.
- Up to seven representations of each design to be registered. These may be
  drawings or photographs, but it is particularly helpful to have the representations
  supplied to us in electronic form. There are strict requirements for the format of
  the representations and we can arrange for the preparation of suitable
  representations if necessary.
- An indication of the type of article to which the design will be applied. This is required to allocate the design to a specific Locarno class of goods for searching purposes only and has no effect on the scope of protection provided.
- An indication of the derivation of the applicant's right to file the application, if the
  applicant is not the same as that for any earlier application from which priority is
  claimed. Otherwise, the application does not require any details of the designers,
  nor how the applicant obtained rights in the design. However, if it is intended to
  file applications in other countries claiming priority from the UK application, we
  will require the name and addresses of the designers for the overseas applications.
- If priority is to be claimed for the UK application, the country, date of filing and application number of the priority application are required. Priority from the first application must be claimed at the time of filing the UK application. Furthermore, the UK application must be filed within six months from the date of the earliest priority application.
- If priority is claimed, a certified copy of the priority application must be filed within three months of the UK filing date. If the priority application is not in English, the UKIPO may ask for parts of it to be translated, but an English translation is not required as a matter of routine.

The UKIPO does not require any forms signed by the applicant on filing.

Although it does have the right to request a Power of Attorney, it rarely does so.

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## The prosecution stages of a United Kingdom registered design application

\*If priority is claimed from an earlier UK or overseas application details of the earlier application must be given. NB. A convention application must be filed within six months of the earlier application.



## Notes

With the application, it is necessary to file representations in the form of drawings or photographs showing the relevant views of the design.\*

A certified copy of the earlier application must be filed within three months of the filing date.

The application is examined by the Designs Registry for formalities only. No novelty search or examination of novelty or individual character is carried out.

Objections are rare, but if any are raised they must be dealt with within two months.

Publication can be deferred if requested upon filing.

Upon registration, the design is published. The design is regarded as registered as from its filing date.

Registrations may be renewed for four subsequent periods of five years, up to a total of 25 years.