

Design timeline



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Before you apply

- You should conduct a search of the design registers to check if anyone else has registered your design.
- You can ask the Intellectual Property Office to search UK registered designs for you. This costs £24.

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Prepare your application

- To make your application you will need to prepare illustrations that show the design. You can include up to 12 illustrations, and must meet the rules for illustrations.

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Send your application

You must have illustrations of your design before you can apply to register a design.

The fees you pay relate to the number of designs you are registering, not the number of illustrations you include.

Number of designs	Online fee
One	£50
Up to 10	£70
Up to 20	£90
Up to 30	£110
Up to 40	£130
Up to 50	£150

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After you apply

The IPO will:

- Examine your application (within 2 weeks)
- Let you know if there are any problems and tell you what you can do. You will have a minimum of 2 months to resolve any issues.

If there are no issues or you manage to resolve them, your design will be registered.

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When your design is registered

The IPO will:

- Publish your design in the journal of registered designs
- Send you a certificate to confirm your design is registered

You can then:

- Display your registration number on your design
- License, sell or mortgage your design

You must renew your design registration every 5 years to keep it protected, for up to 25 years in total.