



Timeline

Applying to register a design

This is an indication of the process should an applicant only initially file their application and pay the fees. All timings are approximate and will vary according to each individual case.

01

Check if you can register your design

Remember, your design must be new and must not already exist worldwide otherwise you risk infringement or your design not being valid.

● You

● Us

02

Search designs databases

Designs should be thoroughly searched prior to application to check your design is unique.

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Apply

Ensure your design meets the criteria, please see our do's and don't's page:
www.gov.uk/register-a-design/prepare-your-illustrations

Examination criteria

Your application will be examined against the following:

- Images must meet the specific requirements as shown in our online guidance notes
 - Your design must be a 2D or 3D product, concepts or functions cannot be protected
 - Must not be offensive
 - Must not include protected emblems and flags
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Examination

A Designs Examiner will examine your application. This process can take up to 40 working days.

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Registered & Published

Providing that the examiner finds no deficiencies your design is now registered and you will be issued a certificate. Your design will appear on our website within 24 hours of registration.

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Renewal

You can renew your design every 5 years for a period of 25 years.