**Timeline**

**Applying to register a trade mark**

This is an indication of the process only. All timings are approximate and will vary according to each individual mark. Should your application be opposed, we will contact you. We aim to provide a quick resolution to opposition disputes to minimise any disruption.

1. **Check if you can register your trade mark**
   - **You**
   - **Us**

2. **Search trade mark register**
   - Check if similar or identical trade mark is already registered in the same or similar area of goods or services.

3. **Classify the goods and services of your trade mark**

4. **Apply**
   - Within 8 weeks (or 40 working days)

5. **Examination report issued**
   - You’ll get feedback on your application within 8 weeks (or 40 working days).

6. **Publication**
   - If the examiner has no objections your application will be published in the trade marks journal for 2 months, which can be extended to 3 months. Before your trade mark is registered, anyone can make “third party observations”.

7. **Opposition**
   - Should your application be opposed, we will contact you. We aim to provide a quick resolution to opposition disputes to minimise any disruption.

8. **Registered**
   - Provided that nobody has objected to it, your trade mark will become registered approximately two weeks after the opposition period ends. This is called the registration date.

9. **Certificate issued**

10. **Renewal fees**
    - Every 10 years.

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