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Title: Dates IPO is closed during 2019

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Information request:

Would you be so kind and provide me with the dates in which UKIPO is closed during 2019?

Information released:

The IPO does not close as such at any time for the filing of applications, which if not filed online may still be left at our address or posted to us.

I assume though that you are most interested in which days are excluded for other administrative actions such as renewals. Excluded days for such purposes are weekends (Saturdays and Sundays), Good Friday, Christmas Day and bank holidays.

You can find more details of the business hours and excluded days at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-</u> <u>office/about/access-and-opening</u> (see in particular the section on <u>Weekends and</u> <u>bank holidays</u> and the link to <u>services over the festive season</u>).