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Summary of all registered rights

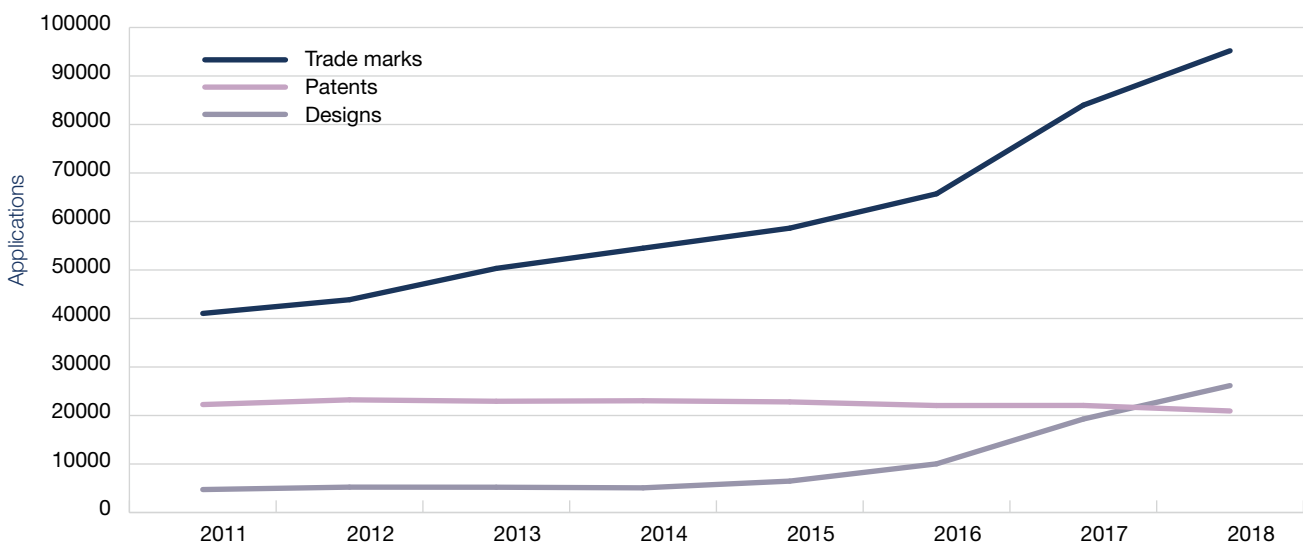
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Patents ¹	Applications	22,256	23,229	22,936	23,040	22,801	22,055	22,072	20,931	-5%
	Publications	10,043	10,653	11,021	12,227	11,939	12,065	11,768	12,061	2%
	Grants	7,173	6,864	5,235	4,986	5,464	5,602	6,311	5,982	-5%
Trade marks ²	Applications	41,044	43,873	50,331	54,498	58,627	65,710	83,984	95,203	13%
	Registrations	33,172	36,755	43,548	45,123	50,079	54,222	70,362	81,556	16%
Designs	Applications	4,730	5,231	5,210	5,084	6,472	10,030	19,269	26,164	36%
	Registrations	3,423	5,144	4,671	4,901	5,690	8,481	17,195	24,425	42%

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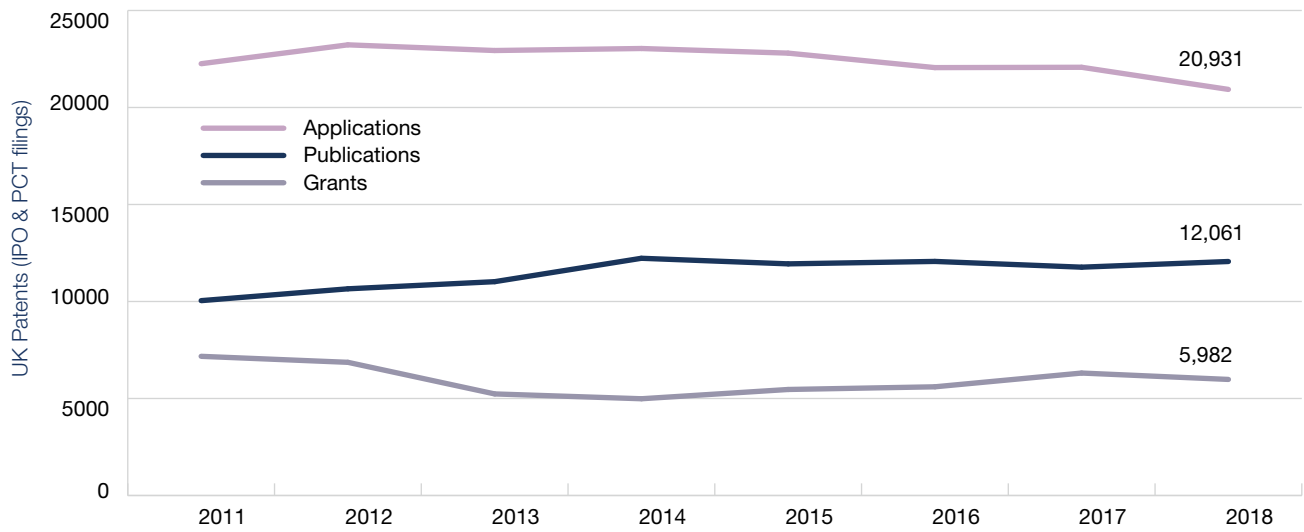
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²Trade mark applications, domestic and International Registrations (excluding additional classes)

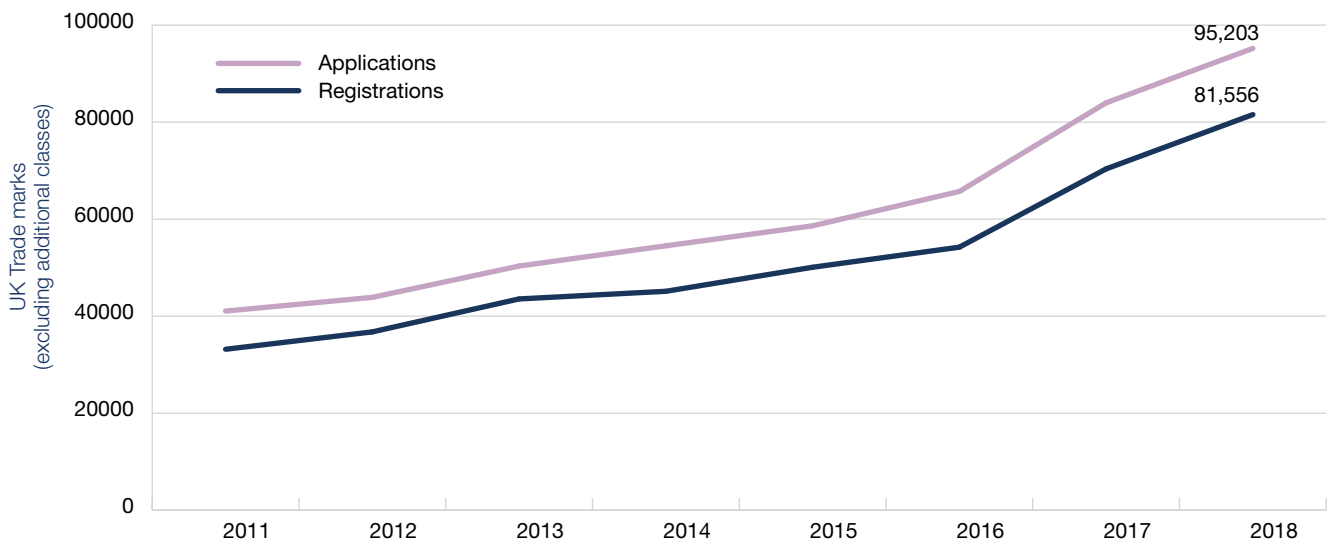
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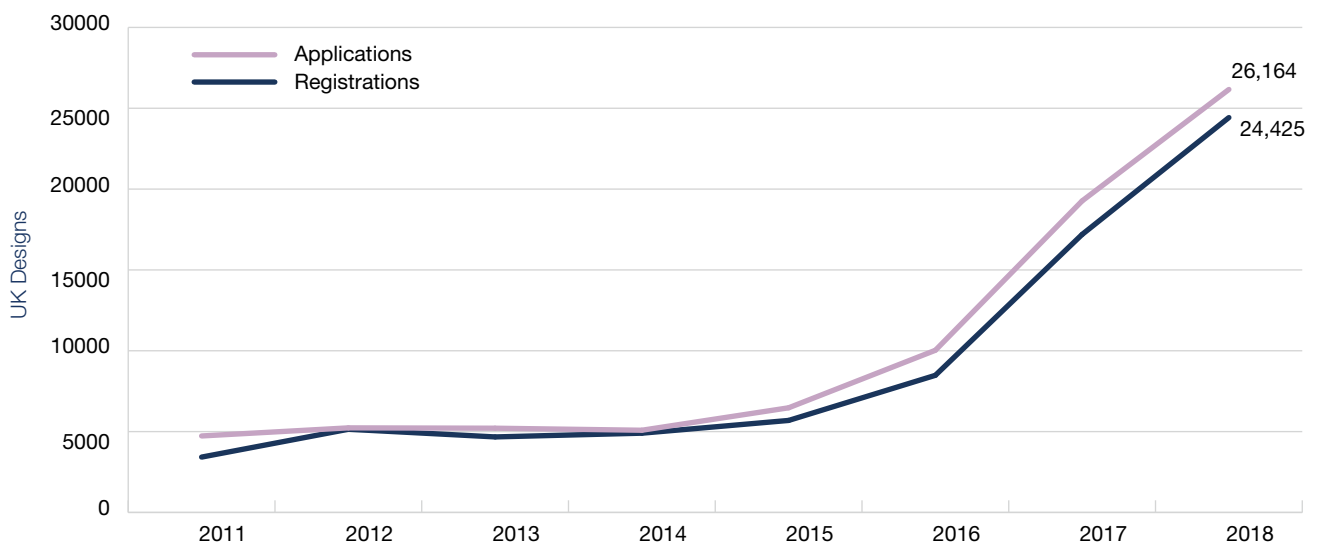
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UK Design applications & registrations 2011 - 2018



Introduction to the Patent process

Introduction to Patents

You can use a patent to protect your invention. It gives you the right to take legal action against anyone who makes, uses, sells or imports it without your permission.

To be granted a patent, the invention must be all of the following:

- something that can be made or used
- new
- inventive - not just a simple modification to something that already exists

You can't patent certain types of invention, including:

- literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works
- a way of doing business, playing a game or thinking
- a method of medical treatment or diagnosis
- a discovery, scientific theory or mathematical method
- the way information is presented
- some computer programs or mobile apps
- 'essentially biological' processes like crossing-breeding plants, and plant or animal varieties

Application

An application for a patent should include a full description of the invention (including any drawings), a set of claims defining the invention, a short abstract summarising the technical features of the invention.

Search

The IPO carries out a search to check whether the invention is new and inventive. We need to receive a request and payment for a search within 12 months of the filing date or priority date. The results of the search and any defects in the application are reported. Search reports can take up to 6 months.

Publication

Applications are published 18 months from your filing or priority date, provided they are complete and pass the search.

Substantive examination

The examination checks whether an invention is new and inventive enough. It also checks that the description and claims match and are good enough to patent. The examination will show if an application meets the legal requirements. Examination of a patent application must be requested within 6 months of publication. Examinations can take place several years after the filing date of an application.

European patent protection

European patents (EP) can also provide protection in the UK. Applications can be made through the IPO or directly to the European Patent Office (EPO). Once granted an application becomes separate patents in the countries designated.

Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT)

GB patents may also be received by the IPO through the international route. International applications use the Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT) to pursue patent rights across many countries from a single filing.

The patent counts in this document include applications received directly at the IPO or via the international route (PCT) unless otherwise stated.

Section 1: Applications filed and published, patents granted, according to applicant country of residence

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
United Kingdom (total)	13,286	12,843	6,007	5,899	3,260	3,001
UK Regions						
East Midlands	524	486	317	257	173	133
East of England	1,711	1,811	916	760	461	466
London	2,585	2,625	1,089	948	530	477
North East	296	279	131	116	50	61
North West	863	956	404	422	224	242
Northern Ireland	158	143	83	68	46	35
Scotland	855	756	303	400	157	148
South East	2,057	1,944	963	921	534	452
South West	1,449	1,312	563	542	311	232
Wales	382	351	193	194	109	114
West Midlands	1,198	977	604	697	360	371
Yorkshire and The Humber	702	694	271	295	188	140
Unmatched Postcodes	506	508	170	279	117	130
Andorra	0	0	1	0	1	0
Antigua and Barbuda	81	81	0	18	0	0
Australia	130	122	81	102	34	43
Austria	44	37	28	34	10	8
Azerbaijan	0	1	1	0	0	0
Bahamas	5	2	0	3	1	1
Barbados	68	92	38	45	4	8
Belarus	1	1	0	0	0	0
Belgium	174	165	22	15	8	6
Belize		2		1		0
Benin	1	0	0	0	0	0

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Bermuda	3	7	2	0	0	0
Brazil	9	16	3	4	0	4
British Virgin Islands	9	12	31	6	78	44
Bulgaria	2	2	4	1	0	1
Canada	183	183	49	68	27	29
Cayman Islands	1	7	1	2	4	2
Channel Islands	22	20	5	10	6	4
Chile	2	2	2	1	1	1
China	1,078	1,006	411	356	118	174
Costa Rica	1	2	0	1	0	0
Croatia	1	1	2	0	0	1
Cyprus	7	4	8	4	0	0
Czech Republic	13	12	0	14	1	0
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		4		6		6
Denmark	66	35	14	22	6	13
Dominican Republic		2		0		0
Egypt	6	55	0	2	0	0
Estonia	5	12	2	1	0	0
Finland	124	102	91	107	40	36
France	168	184	123	149	110	88
Georgia		1		0		0
Germany	513	470	345	421	136	166
Ghana	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gibraltar	4	3	1	1	3	1
Greece	18	7	2	4	2	0
Honduras	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	51	66	45	51	37	43
Hungary	4	9	2	1	1	1

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Iceland	2	2	0	2	0	0
India	73	41	37	70	11	17
Indonesia	1	1	0	0	1	0
Iran	1	3	1	0	0	0
Iraq	2	1	1	1	0	1
Republic of Ireland	320	353	129	128	64	47
Isle of Man	30	41	17	16	9	4
Israel	72	73	51	39	17	29
Italy	54	43	21	17	13	7
Jamaica		1		0		0
Japan	586	637	501	608	330	280
Jordan	1	0	0	0	1	5
Kenya	2	1	0	0	0	0
Kiribati	1	0	0	1	0	1
Korea, Republic of	126	183	81	120	68	78
Kuwait	0	1	0	0	0	0
Latvia	3	6	1	5	0	1
Lebanon	2	2	1	3	0	0
Liechtenstein	5	3	4	3	6	9
Lithuania	1	0	1	1	0	1
Luxembourg	83	24	65	61	10	8
Macau	17	1	4	24	0	0
Malaysia	11	8	8	7	4	3
Malta	13	11	3	2	5	3
Mauritius	20	30	0	1	0	0
Mexico	10	10	11	12	4	1
Monaco	0	3	1	1	1	0
Montenegro	7	6	0	2	0	0
Netherlands	160	153	125	89	66	48
New Zealand	45	57	34	49	23	37
Nicaragua	1	0	0	0	0	0

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Nigeria	2	4	0	1	0	0
Norway	335	378	182	233	110	100
Pakistan	3	2	0	0	2	0
Panama	0	0	2	0	1	1
Philippines	0	0	1	0	0	0
Poland	14	19	14	11	5	9
Portugal	17	8	4	1	1	1
Puerto Rico		1		0		0
Qatar	3	4	2	1	0	4
Romania	15	19	1	0	0	0
Russian Federation	7	7	3	7	13	11
Samoa	0	0	0	0	1	0
Saudi Arabia	4	3	3	0	2	0
Senegal	2	0	0	0	0	0
Serbia	17	16	2	4	0	1
Seychelles	2	6	4	2	0	0
Singapore	67	49	55	44	21	27
Slovakia	0	2	0	2	0	0
Slovenia	10	17	6	5	2	3
South Africa	59	42	24	35	8	11
Spain	61	30	18	14	7	5
Sri Lanka	6	3	0	5	1	0
Swaziland	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sweden	154	149	36	40	26	16
Switzerland	362	275	109	111	49	40
Syria	1	0	0	1	0	0
Taiwan	124	117	118	109	75	72
Tanzania	1	0	0	1	0	0
Thailand	14	10	1	0	3	1
Trinidad and Tobago	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tunisia	2	0	0	1	0	0

	Applications Filed		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Turkey	16	4	9	14	1	3
Turks and Caicos Islands	1	0	1	0	0	0
Uganda		4		0		0
Ukraine	1	1	2	1	1	0
United Arab Emirates	29	18	23	11	6	5
USA	3,010	2,479	2,730	2,795	1,455	1,410
Vietnam	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	22,072	20,931	11,768	12,061	6,311	5,982
Change on previous year		-5%		2%		-5%

Notes

1. Breakdown of applications for, published and granted GB patents (PCT & direct filings to the IPO).
2. Country/region data based on address given for the first named applicant.
3. Unmatched postcodes & unknown countries are a result of incomplete address details at point of capture.

Section 2: Published applications and granted patents by International Patent Classification (IPC)

IPC code	IPC Classification	Applications Published		Patents Granted	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
A01	Agriculture	179	190	82	56
A21 - A24	Foodstuffs; Tobacco	101	117	61	68
A41 - A47	Personal or Domestic articles	525	574	366	291
A61 - A99	Health; Life- Saving; Amusement	982	1,042	474	462
B01 - B09	Seperating; Mixing	319	300	172	190
B21 - B33	Shaping	409	393	205	202
B41 - B44	Printing	104	103	80	57
B60 - B68	Transporting	1,331	1,381	722	694
B81 - B99	Micro-structural technology; Nano- technology	14	23	6	2
C01 - C14	Chemistry	493	519	208	184
C21 - C30	Metallurgy	86	85	60	38
C40 - C99	Combinatorial Technology	1	0	0	0
D01 - D07	Textiles or flexible materials	29	39	28	18
D21 - D99	Paper	6	9	10	5
E01 - E06	Building	565	540	343	280
E21 - E99	Earth or Rock Drilling; Mining	705	659	397	385
F01 - F04	Engines or Pumps	547	531	295	255
F15 - F17	Engineering in general	373	408	243	215
F21 - F28	Lighting; Heating	296	285	175	182
F41 - F99	Weapons; Blasting	47	64	23	27
G01 - G16	Instruments	2,758	2,817	1,347	1,229
G21 - G99	Nucleonics	29	18	18	19

IPC code	IPC Classification	Applications Published		Patents Granted	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
H01 - H99	Electricity	1,869	1,965	996	1,125
Total		11,768	12,062	6,311	5,984
Change on previous year			2%		-5%

Notes

1. Applications Published and Patents Granted by reference to their International Patent Classification (IPC)
2. www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/en/
3. The IPC is a hierarchical system for the classification of patents according to the different areas of technology to which they pertain.
4. Counts are based on the first / inventive IPC allocated to each application.

Section 3a: Top 50 applicants: patent applications

Rank	Applicant	Applications 2018
1	Rolls-Royce plc	425
2	Ford Global Technologies, LLC	377
3	Jaguar Land Rover Limited	320
4	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	261
6	Private applicant	173
7	Dyson Technology Limited	147
8	Nerudia Limited	141
9	ARM Limited	139
10	Private applicant	137
11	Oxford University Innovation Limited	115
12	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	112
13	BAE SYSTEMS plc	111
14	Imperial Innovations Limited	110
15	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation	110
16	AIRBUS OPERATIONS LIMITED	108
17	Walmart Apollo, LLC	105
18	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	96
19	International Business Machines Corporation	94
20	British Telecommunications public limited company	87
21	nChain Holdings Limited	82
22	Google LLC	81
23	Johnson Matthey Public Limited Company	81
24	LG Display Co., Ltd.	81
25	Imagination Technologies Limited	79
26	Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	78
27	Nicoventures Trading Limited	72
28	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	68
29	Baker Hughes, a GE company, LLC	67
30	Cambridge Enterprise Limited	67
31	Cirrus Logic International Semiconductor Limited	66
32	Shenzhen China Star Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd.	65
33	Edwards Limited	61

35	Eaton Intelligent Power Limited	60
36	Delphi Technologies IP Limited	59
37	Safran Aircraft Engines	59
38	Nordic Semiconductor ASA	58
39	UCL Business PLC	58
40	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	54
41	Sony Interactive Entertainment Inc.	53
42	The Secretary of State for Defence	49
43	Fisher-Rosemount Systems, Inc	48
44	Nokia Technologies Oy	48
45	Synaptive Medical (Barbados) Inc.	48
46	TCL Communication Limited	48
47	Adobe Systems Incorporated	46
48	Cambridge Mechatronics Limited	46
49	Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd.	46
50	Smiths Medical International Limited	45
Top 50 total		2235

Notes

1. Top 50 applicants who filed the most GB patent applications in 2018.
2. Applicant name data is cleaned and matched to similar entries to consolidate inconsistent names provided to the office.
3. The cleaning process relies on probabilistic matching and therefore may not find and group all applications from a single applicant.

Section 3b: Top applicants: granted patents

Rank	Applicant	Granted Patents 2018
1	Jaguar Land Rover Limited	220
2	Baker Hughes Incorporated	115
3	International Business Machines Corporation	114
4	Ford Global Technologies, LLC	95
5	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha	88
6	Dyson Technology Limited	79
7	ARM Limited	71
8	Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.	63
9	Johnson Matthey Public Limited Company	62
10	Micromass UK Limited	61
11	Imagination Technologies Limited	59
12	Intel Corporation	54
13	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	49
14	BAE SYSTEMS plc	46
15	SNECMA	46
16	Rolls-Royce plc	44
17	General Electric Company	40
18	Cirrus Logic International Semiconductor Limited	39
19	Schlumberger Holdings Limited	33
20	Cameron International Corporation	28
21	Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Limited	28
22	KT Corporation	28
23	DisplayLink (UK) Limited	24
24	Metaswitch Networks Ltd.	24
25	Thermo Fisher Scientific (Bremen) GmbH	24
26	Robert Bosch GmbH	23
27	The Boeing Company	23
28	Cambridge Silicon Radio Limited	22
29	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	22
30	Statoil Petroleum AS	22
31	De La Rue International Limited	21

32	GE Aviation Systems LLC	21
33	Mitsubishi Electric Corporation	21
34	Wonderland Nurserygoods Company Limited	21
35	Landmark Graphics Corporation	19
36	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	19
37	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	18
38	Waters Technologies Corporation	17
39	Weatherford Technology Holdings, LLC	17
40	Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.	16
41	HGST Netherlands B.V.	16
42	Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.	16
43	Lenovo (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	16
44	British Telecommunications Public Limited Company	15
45	GM Global Technology Operations LLC	15
46	Gyrus Medical Limited	15
47	Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation	15
48	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	14
49	Silixa Ltd.	14
50	Toshiba Research Europe Limited	14
Top 50 total		1,986

Notes

1. Top 50 applicants who filed the most GB patents granted in 2018.
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3. The cleaning process relies on probabilistic matching and therefore may not find and group all applications from a single applicant.

Section 4: Applications filed with priority and requests for search and examination

Applications Filed ('000)					
	Without Priority Claim	With Priority Claim	Total	Requests for Search	Requests for Examination
2017	15.6	6.4	22.0	17,438	12,705
2018	15.4	5.5	20.9	16,261	12,456

Notes

1. Patents may claim priority from an earlier filed application (within 12 months) to obtain a priority date from the earlier application.
2. A Request for Search must be made to the office before an application is published.
3. Every published application will have a search, some may have multiple searches and some application which have been searched are withdrawn before publication.
4. The number of Requests for Search does not necessarily match the number of Applications Published in each calendar year.
5. Examination of an application must be requested in order to start the substantive examination which can lead to a granted application.
6. The examination process incorporates time to amend applications in order for them to meet the requirements for granting.
7. The number of Requests for Examination may not match the number of patents granted in a calendar year, not every examination leads to grant.

Section 5: Patent renewal fees paid for IPO and EPO patents (designating UK)

Patent Renewal Fees Paid ('000)						
	2017			2018		
	IPO Patents	EPO Patents	All Patents	IPO patents	EPO Patents	All Patents
5th year	6.0	19.2	25.2	6.4	23.1	29.5
6th year	5.5	27.0	32.5	6.3	30.7	37.0
7th year	4.7	30.0	34.7	5.7	35.8	41.4
8th year	4.4	32.0	36.4	4.7	36.0	40.7
9th year	4.1	32.7	36.7	4.1	36.0	40.1
10th year	4.0	33.5	37.6	3.7	34.7	38.4
11th year	3.7	32.2	35.9	3.7	34.4	38.1
12th year	3.4	31.0	34.5	3.4	32.0	35.4
13th year	3.4	28.4	31.8	3.2	30.2	33.3
14th year	3.2	25.4	28.7	3.0	27.0	30.1
15th year	2.9	22.5	25.5	2.9	23.6	26.5
16th year	2.5	19.8	22.4	2.6	20.6	23.2
17th year	2.3	17.9	20.2	2.2	17.8	19.9
18th year	1.9	15.0	16.9	2.0	15.5	17.5
19th year	1.6	12.3	14.0	1.6	12.8	14.3
20th year	1.3	9.4	10.7	1.3	10.0	11.3
Totals	54.9	388.3	443.7	56.8	420.2	476.7
			Change on previous year	3%	8%	7%

Notes

1. To keep a granted patent in force and maintain the rights for the full 20 years that the law allows, the patent must be renewed every year.
2. IPO renewal fees are paid for the year ahead, starting from the 4th anniversary of the filing date of the patent.
3. A granted European Patent (EP) is a bundle of separate national patents for all the states by the applicant. An EP patent designating UK, EP(UK), is therefore a European Patent with a national UK patent as part of the bundle.
4. EP renewal fees are paid to the EPO for the years until the patent is granted, starting from the 2nd anniversary of the filing date. Once an EP(UK) is granted it is treated the same as a GB patent and renewal fees are paid to the IPO.
5. EP(UK) renewal fees are split between the IPO and EPO.

Section 6: Green channel applications

Green channel requests	
2009	137
2010	260
2011	329
2012	257
2013	310
2014	350
2015	321
2016	266
2017	382
2018	296

Notes

1. The Green Channel for patent applications was introduced on 12th May 2009.
2. This service allows applicants to request accelerated processing of their patent application if the invention has an environmental benefit.

Section 7: Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPC)

	Filed		Granted		Withdrawn		Rejected		Entered into force	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Medicinal products	57	44	12	36	7	7	7	3	27	30
Plant protection products	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	4
Total	61	46	13	37	7	7	7	3	29	34

Notes

1. Applications for medicinal products under Regulation (EC) No 469/2009 and plant protection products under Regulation (EC) No 1610/96.
2. Supplementary protection certificates compensate patent holders for the loss of effective protection that results from the time taken to obtain regulatory approval.
3. SPCs do not extend the term of patents, but give similar protection. They protect a specific pharmaceutical or plant protection product authorised.

Section 8a: National security patents - s22 Directions

Year	Total	Origin		Applicant type	
		UK	Foreign	Private Inventors	Defence Industry
2000	87	67	20	3	84
2001	102	86	16	0	102
2002	127	117	10	4	123
2003	105	90	15	0	105
2004	77	73	4	1	76
2005	77	70	7	9	68
2006	61	51	10	0	61
2007	71	56	15	3	68
2008	101	98	3	2	99
2009	97	83	14	2	95
2010	92	87	5	0	82
2011	81	71	10	0	81
2012	42	38	4	0	42
2013	82	77	5	0	82
2014	56	56	0	0	56
2015	51	48	3	0	42
2016	53	47	6	0	46
2017	40	29	11	0	7
2018	66	47	19	0	47

Notes

1. Number of directions under section 22 issued per year (the total includes UK, EP and PCT applications).

Section 8b: National security patents - s22 directions released

Year	Applications Declassified
2000	43
2001	39
2002	46
2003	33
2004	26
2005	76
2006	97
2007	184
2008	68
2009	153
2010	79
2011	59
2012	21
2013	186
2014	51
2015	17
2016	10
2017	17
2018	6

Notes

1. Number of applications released from directions under section 22.

Section 8c: National security patents - s22 directions in force

Filing Year	Applications In Force
2000	31
2001	43
2002	43
2003	58
2004	45
2005	32
2006	34
2007	32
2008	40
2009	58
2010	80
2011	70
2012	37
2013	61
2014	41
2015	46
2016	48
2017	39
2018	65

Notes

1. Number of applications having directions under section 22 remaining in force.

Section 9: Extensions of period for payment of patent renewal fees for IPO patents and EPO patents (designating UK)

Number of Extensions of Renewal Fees

Extension length	2017			2018		
	IPO patents	EPO Patents	All Patents	IPO patents	EPO Patents	All Patents
1 month	1,775	5,473	7,248	1,718	4,270	5,988
2 months	315	873	1,188	267	1,029	1,296
3 months	157	420	577	142	528	670
4 months	97	394	491	84	457	541
5 months	146	650	796	157	696	853
6 months	338	1,473	1,811	308	1,740	2,048
Total	2,828	9,283	12,111	2,676	8,720	11,396
				change on previous year	-5%	-6%

Notes

1. The period allowed for payment of a renewal fee may be extended by up to six months.

Section 10: Licences of right

Year	Licences of Right
2015	1,228
2016	1,306
2017	1,101
2018	1,615

Notes

1. Some patent applicants may wish to let other people licence their patent, usually for a fee, and make this known publically.
2. These granted patents (both UK and EP(designating UK)) are recorded on a register and the applicant is entitled to pay renewal fees at half the normal rate.

Section 11: Miscellaneous ex parte post grant cases decided without a hearing or reasoned decision

	Amendments		Corrections		Cancellations of Licences of Right		Restorations		Surrender		Revocations (Cancellations)		Total Cases	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Filed	27	19	130	89	25	10	194	151	16	17	90	156	482	442
Withdrawn	10	2	29	16	0	0	5	1	1	0	5	9	50	28
Decided	10	12	88	82	25	10	174	160	14	16	57	73	368	353

Notes

1. Actions occurring after a patent has been granted, initiated by the applicant or the office.
2. The table presents the number of applications filed by applicants annually and the number withdrawn (or not proceeded with). The number of cases decided by the office without a hearing or reasoned decision is also given.
3. Amendments (s.27) - in certain circumstances it may be possible to amend a patent application after it has been granted.
4. Corrections (s.80 and s.117) – if a feature which has clearly been omitted by mistake and should have been in the application at the time it was filed, then a correction may be possible.
5. Cancellation of Licences of Right (s.47)– the applicant no longer wishes to offer licences of right and so resumes paying full renewal fees.
6. Restorations (s.28) –a patent may lapse so the applicant seeks to reinstate a patent.
7. Surrender (s.29) – an applicant gives up their granted patent so that it is no longer in force.
8. Revocations (s.73(1) and 73(2)) - terminating the granted patent because the patent is rendered invalid. This also happens when an EP(UK) with identical claims is granted.

Introduction to Trade marks

A trade mark is a sign which can distinguish your goods and services from those of other traders. A sign includes, for example, words, logos, colours or a combination of these. You can use your trade mark as a marketing tool so that customers can recognise your products or services. As such, it can be a very valuable asset for your business.

A registered trade mark can help you if you want to take action against anyone who uses your mark or a similar mark on the same or similar goods and services to those that are set out in the registration.

Before attempting to protect your trade mark, you should remember we will object to words, logos, colours or other signs which are unlikely to be seen as a trade mark by the public. For example, marks which describe your goods or services or any characteristics of them (e.g. marks which show the quality, quantity, purpose, value or geographical origin of your goods or services); terms that have become customary in your line of trade (e.g. technical terms that are in common use); terms that are not distinctive (e.g. promotional advertising slogans); or a combination of these.

To be registrable, your trade mark must be distinctive for your goods and services (that you are applying to register the mark for).

We will also not accept marks which are offensive (e.g. taboo swear words), against the law (e.g. promoting illegal drug use), or deceptive (e.g. there should be nothing in your mark which would mislead the public). In addition, we will object to marks that contain specially protected emblems (e.g. the Red Cross or Olympic symbols).

NOTE: The UK joined the Madrid Protocol in April 1996. Since then, a holder of a trade marks registration in another country (which is a member of the Protocol) can apply through the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to “designate” the UK for protection of that trade mark. The mark is examined in the UK for registrability in much the same way as an application via the national/domestic route in the IPO.”

Section 1: UK domestic trade marks applied for and registered according to country of residence of applicant

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
United Kingdom (total)	63,097	66,875	132,089	139,174	52,383	57,633	114,334	122,165
UK Regions								
Scotland	3,417	3,494	7,224	7,288	2,883	2,963	6,233	6,548
Wales	1,700	1,809	3,109	3,693	1,332	1,598	2,774	3,159
Northern Ireland	687	783	1,294	1,429	549	660	1,024	1,201
London	19,124	21,107	43,161	47,855	16,039	18,018	38,046	41,139
East Midlands	2,894	3,015	5,524	6,220	2,417	2,621	4,773	5,538
East of England	4,676	4,893	9,675	9,970	3,887	4,234	8,348	8,601
North East	1,382	1,432	2,949	2,827	1,046	1,225	2,214	2,628
North West	6,395	6,586	12,292	12,230	5,320	5,558	10,299	10,589
South East	9,490	10,046	19,482	20,784	7,965	8,909	17,405	18,738
South West	5,012	5,269	10,088	10,390	4,081	4,520	8,363	8,970
West Midlands	4,268	4,365	8,970	8,593	3,454	3,813	7,481	7,768
Yorkshire	3,956	3,978	8,132	7,724	3,321	3,418	7,198	7,090
Region not available	96	98	189	171	89	96	176	196
Afghanistan	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Andorra	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Anguilla	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	1
Antigua and Barbuda	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	4
Argentina	12	37	12	47	9	32	9	39
Armenia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Australia	359	370	706	705	307	347	615	612
Austria	8	44	31	181	3	27	19	114

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Bahamas	39	25	200	63	36	31	179	139
Bahrain	3	3	3	5	5	2	5	3
Bangladesh	4	4	6	4	4	5	10	5
Barbados	4	4	4	5	4	3	6	4
Belarus	0	1	0	1	0	56	0	144
Belgium	118	61	322	161	106	3	293	6
Belize	10	6	31	13	9	23	30	41
Bermuda	27	31	54	51	25	39	48	73
Brazil	29	40	65	71	21	114	47	308
British Virgin Islands	119	125	320	303	106	1	280	2
Brunei	1	3	4	4	1	0	4	0
Bulgaria	18	10	27	21	19	7	27	13
Canada	323	498	758	1,664	235	398	535	1,057
Cayman Islands	99	108	218	208	77	107	186	165
Channel Islands	210	222	679	645	192	193	585	594
Chile	14	36	14	43	13	38	13	45
China (People's Republic)	2,986	5,972	4,137	8,091	2,443	4,729	3,321	6,483
Christmas Island	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Colombia	7	10	13	10	7	6	10	8
Cook islands	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
Costa Rica	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Croatia	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Cuba	6	7	12	11	1	8	1	18
Curaçao	14	0	42	0	14	0	40	0
Cyprus	44	75	122	158	44	54	115	90
Czech Republic	9	16	22	20	7	17	24	21
Denmark	35	34	100	96	34	25	102	66

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Dominica	1	3	1	3	1	2	1	2
Dominican Republic	2	4	16	4	0	5	0	13
Ecuador	2	3	2	3	3	2	5	2
Egypt	6	3	6	3	6	2	6	2
El Salvador	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Estonia	16	33	22	51	12	23	16	40
Falkland Islands	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3
Finland	12	18	16	38	10	13	11	28
France	240	304	565	767	226	257	573	622
Germany	316	444	857	1,418	280	361	769	1,098
Ghana	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1
Gibraltar	28	38	40	117	19	43	24	114
Greece	12	10	16	25	14	10	19	19
Grenada	9	0	9	0	1	5	1	5
Guatemala	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	6
Hong Kong	449	489	1,384	964	395	466	1,107	1,071
Hungary	6	9	13	11	7	8	16	14
Iceland	8	3	11	8	4	4	7	8
India	153	199	286	406	131	159	240	313
Indonesia	14	21	19	23	13	10	17	12
Iran	6	7	12	18	3	4	8	4
Iraq	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Republic of Ireland	320	352	773	787	309	286	791	639
Isle of Man	126	128	309	378	120	114	312	371
Israel	36	74	62	119	37	66	63	101
Italy	140	165	252	316	127	139	265	235
Jamaica	8	6	10	8	10	7	13	13
Japan	203	291	1,079	695	153	268	688	811
Jordan	9	14	15	19	5	17	10	22
Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Kenya	2	3	11	6	2	2	11	6
Korea (Republic of South)	99	213	156	322	79	157	116	256
Kuwait	13	10	56	13	8	10	46	14
Latvia	5	8	9	11	4	8	8	11
Lebanon	9	14	13	21	7	18	12	26
Liberia	0	2	0	6	0	2	0	6
Liechtenstein	11	4	41	9	2	8	7	33
Lithuania	4	13	6	23	2	10	2	20
Luxembourg	91	161	321	519	98	134	414	446
Macao	6	1	15	1	3	4	6	10
Macedonia	4	2	8	2	4	1	8	1
Malaysia	52	42	75	108	59	32	74	54
Malta	64	80	207	249	48	84	156	271
Marshall Islands	4	2	4	6	5	3	5	7
Mauritius	16	24	40	47	7	23	20	57
Mexico	36	24	55	30	66	32	83	46
Monaco	8	4	15	11	7	4	8	10
Namibia	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Nepal	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
Netherlands	150	160	371	358	123	147	267	348
New Zealand	38	72	73	137	37	50	73	87
Nigeria	3	4	4	5	5	4	7	6
Norway	33	35	90	105	22	33	51	97
Oman	3	1	8	1	1	1	5	1
Pakistan	24	17	45	34	26	14	54	28
Panama	18	13	52	43	18	12	51	41
Papua New Guinea	10	0	37	0	1	7	1	25
Peru	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
Phillipines	7	5	31	5	7	3	31	3

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Poland	37	22	51	43	25	22	33	40
Portugal	14	22	19	44	16	21	28	26
Puerto Rico	0	5	0	5	0	4	0	4
Qatar	8	7	23	10	7	10	9	26
Romania	9	56	16	58	7	39	11	40
Russia	16	15	33	23	14	16	33	34
Saint Kitts & Nevis	1	3	2	11	1	4	3	13
Saint Lucia	7	7	10	11	7	9	23	13
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	4	1	9	1	4	0	9	0
Samoa	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	3
Saudi Arabia	40	47	72	115	22	45	43	102
Serbia	2	2	2	6	1	2	1	5
Seychelles	6	17	16	41	10	13	20	30
Singapore	178	210	239	428	150	200	220	396
Slovakia	0	3	0	3	1	2	1	2
Slovenia	3	2	3	4	0	1	0	1
Soloman Islands	1	6	3	12	11	3	13	3
South Africa	94	93	181	198	82	79	160	145
Spain	82	151	142	287	79	134	149	234
Sri Lanka	8	7	16	15	3	8	5	21
Sweden	88	101	231	338	60	105	188	243
Switzerland	247	249	653	505	220	243	552	578
Syria	2	2	2	5	0	4	0	7
Taiwan	72	166	126	256	72	141	119	208
Tanzania	0	3	0	9	1	3	1	9
Thailand	41	41	72	73	28	30	57	53
Trinidad & Tobago	3	5	6	6	3	3	6	3
Tunisia	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1

	UK Domestic Applications				UK Domestic Registrations			
	Applications		Total Classes		Trade Marks		Total Classes	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Turkey	36	49	52	92	36	43	72	69
Uganda	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
Ukraine	9	18	19	39	6	19	9	45
United Arab Emirates	164	173	371	284	117	185	319	311
United States of America	3,503	4,397	6,934	9,136	3,176	3,712	6,392	7,520
Uruguay	1	3	5	15	1	1	5	1
US Virgin Islands	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Venezuela	2	0	4	0	2	0	4	0
Vietnam	3	5	3	5	1	5	1	5
Yemen	0	5	0	15	0	4	0	12
Zimbabwe	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Total	75,121	84,064	156,837	172,135	62,809	72,102	135,822	149,913
Percentage increase year on year		12%		10%		15%		10%

Notes

1. Total number of applications filed and registered and the total number of classes filed and registered by country of the owner.
2. UK applications and registrations are broken down by region.

Section 2: International registrations applied for and protected according to office of origin

National office of origin	International Registrations designating the UK				International Registrations designating the UK Protected			
	Registrations Applied for		Total Classes Applied for		Registrations Protected		Total Classes Protected	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Albania	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
Algeria	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Armenia	4	6	4	9	6	6	6	6
Australia	809	923	1,785	2,095	681	803	1,438	1,641
Austria	56	106	146	326	52	78	124	186
Azerbaijan	1	4	4	6	1	2	4	3
Belarus	12	6	27	10	7	9	21	14
Benelux	228	285	570	779	190	260	415	681
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Bulgaria	58	49	132	125	53	36	105	84
China (People's Republic)	1,046	1,385	1,718	2,181	940	1,140	1,399	1,774
Colombia	2	6	2	15	1	5	1	11
Croatia	8	4	17	8	4	3	8	5
Cuba	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1
Cyprus	7	7	16	12	8	9	15	15
Czech Republic	31	33	99	70	38	30	89	86
Denmark	24	49	74	153	23	33	49	116
Egypt	5	5	9	5	5	6	14	6
Estonia	3	4	4	10	2	5	2	10
EU - IPO	405	978	1,171	2,735	288	750	722	1,975
Finland	17	18	50	62	12	20	25	69
France	578	750	1,589	2,090	501	595	1,267	1,591
Georgia	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	1
Germany	792	1,078	2,673	3,657	622	956	1,863	2,836

National office of origin	International Registrations designating the UK				International Registrations designating the UK Protected			
	Registrations Applied for		Total Classes Applied for		Registrations Protected		Total Classes Protected	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Greece	5	6	11	11	7	8	9	17
Hungary	12	8	15	15	21	13	33	20
Iceland	8	12	55	68	5	6	8	32
India	58	55	73	71	47	47	71	56
Indonesia	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Iran	10	0	25	0	9	3	20	7
Republic of Ireland	27	17	27	22	35	16	37	21
Israel	31	46	51	109	23	36	34	77
Italy	172	221	383	481	144	199	285	423
Japan	300	362	710	987	256	323	514	849
Kazakhstan	4	5	7	17	5	2	10	4
Kenya	4	4	7	4	2	1	5	1
Korea (Republic of South)	131	188	204	414	92	166	151	344
Kyrgyzstan	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0
Latvia	15	14	21	36	16	13	23	28
Liechtenstein	12	12	29	29	11	13	15	28
Lithuania	7	21	15	25	6	12	12	16
Macedonia	1	3	3	4	0	4	0	7
Madagascar	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Mexico	7	13	14	13	2	15	4	18
Moldova	11	5	21	6	13	7	22	7
Monaco	22	5	96	60	14	8	61	20
Montenegro	3	1	21	5	6	1	37	5
Morocco	17	13	45	34	12	13	28	26
Mozambique	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
New Zealand	89	103	177	263	85	97	162	217
Norway	64	46	152	159	48	54	107	154
Oman	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

National office of origin	International Registrations designating the UK				International Registrations designating the UK Protected			
	Registrations Applied for		Total Classes Applied for		Registrations Protected		Total Classes Protected	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Philippines	7	12	11	19	6	7	9	10
Poland	40	36	122	83	41	39	112	86
Portugal	31	30	54	44	24	28	44	34
Romania	6	11	11	28	8	9	18	23
Russian Federation	221	261	587	1,103	199	226	550	709
Rwanda	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	43
San Marino	4	1	10	1	5	0	7	0
Serbia	16	24	41	94	23	0	57	0
Singapore	129	116	286	297	99	114	213	264
Slovakia	6	9	17	17	6	9	16	18
Slovenia	10	19	22	67	7	13	12	23
Spain	42	49	83	95	53	44	103	78
Sweden	25	39	69	123	16	29	30	90
Switzerland	548	578	1,483	1,665	490	530	1,200	1,463
Syria	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	0	0	23	0	7	0	7
Tunisia	9	2	14	7	6	3	9	5
Turkey	245	257	485	574	184	258	357	509
Ukraine	54	62	121	139	53	53	126	108
United States of America	2,340	2,734	3,934	4,796	2,014	2,232	3,150	3,753
Uzbekistan	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Vietnam	26	19	44	32	21	24	36	32
Total	8,863	11,139	19,656	26,400	7,553	9,454	15,270	20,754
Percentage increase year on year		26%		34%		25%		36%

Notes

1. Total number of International Registrations filed and protected and the total number of classes filed and protected by office of origin.

Section 3: Classification of trade marks for goods and services published and registered

Classification	National UK Total Classes Applied For		National UK Total Classes Published		National UK Total Classes Registered		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Applied For		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Published		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Protected	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Class 1 - Chemical products used in industry, science etc	1,095	1,290	949	1,116	969	1,013	293	538	278	469	272	417
Class 2 - Paints, varnishes, lacquers etc	475	493	419	480	422	428	115	149	101	118	95	110
Class 3 - Cleaning preparations, soaps, perfumes etc	4,381	5,026	3,884	4,745	3,746	4,319	665	1,026	575	894	531	754
Class 4 - Industrial oils and greases, candles, tapers, etc	841	960	737	917	695	859	96	185	70	153	65	139
Class 5 - Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary substances, infants' and invalids' foods etc	3,297	4,155	2,947	3,819	2,881	3,387	781	1,058	716	954	697	869
Class 6 - Unwrought and partly wrought common metals etc	1,455	1,493	1,343	1,456	1,278	1,380	284	431	256	357	225	301
Class 7 - Machines and machine tools, motors (except for vehicles) etc	1,520	1,662	1,424	1,618	1,370	1,515	480	749	425	647	358	588
Class 8 - Hand tools and instruments; cutlery, forks and spoons; side arms	996	1,185	893	1,172	837	1,031	171	290	136	253	132	207

Classification	National UK Total Classes Applied For		National UK Total Classes Published		National UK Total Classes Registered		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Applied For		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Published		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Protected	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Class 9 - Scientific, nautical and surveying and electrical apparatus and instruments (including wireless etc)	13,710	15,794	12,379	15,153	11,994	13,874	2,303	3,006	1,989	2,778	1,766	2,528
Class 10 - Surgical, medical, dental and veterinary instruments and apparatus	1,536	1,815	1,411	1,745	1,361	1,571	447	617	378	580	355	515
Class 11 - Installations for lighting, cooking, etc	2,585	2,786	2,399	2,645	2,294	2,421	440	571	390	492	316	455
Class 12 - Vehicles: apparatus for locomotion by land air or water	1,719	1,977	1,486	1,889	1,373	1,698	342	477	311	405	288	367
Class 13 - Firearms, ammunition etc	68	104	61	101	68	86	23	42	20	40	18	28
Class 14 - Precious metals and their alloys etc	2,250	2,454	2,115	2,393	2,087	2,112	343	392	301	336	284	296
Class 15 - Musical instruments (other than talking machines and wireless apparatus)	236	221	212	207	193	194	27	49	21	38	20	37
Class 16 - Paper and paper articles, stationery, office requisites etc	6,576	7,169	6,053	6,756	5,929	6,397	590	714	488	618	427	574
Class 17 - Rubber, gutta-percha, gum etc	625	628	579	614	569	549	178	250	154	213	135	199

Classification	National UK Total Classes Applied For		National UK Total Classes Published		National UK Total Classes Registered		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Applied For		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Published		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Protected	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Class 18 - Leather, skins, umbrellas, harness etc	3,270	3,730	2,977	3,594	2,782	3,244	453	575	396	453	358	407
Class 19 - Building materials, road making materials, etc	1,483	1,386	1,377	1,332	1,310	1,302	207	302	181	262	184	220
Class 20 - Furniture, articles of wood, cork etc	2,782	2,806	2,583	2,707	2,377	2,545	334	433	297	375	258	322
Class 21 - Small domestic utensils and containers (not precious metal) glassware, etc	3,120	4,028	2,857	3,847	2,666	3,445	384	458	309	394	295	340
Class 22 - Rope, string, nets, tents, raw fibrous textile materials, etc	379	410	337	400	309	357	67	115	54	91	55	73
Class 23 - Yarns; threads	150	156	133	160	142	138	24	43	21	32	19	28
Class 24 - Tissues (piece goods) bed and table covers etc	1,753	1,916	1,607	1,848	1,563	1,701	243	327	194	254	182	212
Class 25 - Clothing including boots, shoes and slippers	10,525	11,789	9,393	10,920	8,605	9,932	889	1,187	787	1,005	730	886
Class 26 - Lace and embroidery; ribbons and braids; artificial flowers etc	791	831	885	788	949	723	64	94	47	69	49	57
Class 27 - Carpets, rugs etc	625	604	587	619	553	557	75	110	57	89	54	74
Class 28 - Games etc	4,003	4,456	3,606	4,279	3,427	3,955	469	609	393	516	350	469

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	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Class 29 - Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts, etc	2,839	2,985	2,508	2,748	2,379	2,584	318	503	293	425	282	365
Class 30 - Coffee tea, cocoa, sugar, rice etc	4,301	4,605	3,838	4,228	3,642	3,897	508	675	468	596	453	515
Class 31 - Agricultural, horticultural and forestry products, fresh fruits etc	1,362	1,508	1,221	1,354	1,174	1,249	171	233	157	190	145	169
Class 32 - Beer, ale, porter, mineral and aerated waters etc	2,805	3,019	2,527	2,753	2,372	2,519	284	388	260	324	253	274
Class 33 - Wines, spirits and liqueurs	2,757	3,123	2,425	2,824	2,210	2,482	331	477	334	421	325	360
Class 34 - Tobacco, raw or manufactured; smokers' articles, matches	1,121	1,417	978	1,292	908	1,076	64	96	56	82	46	73
Class 35 - Advertising; business management; business administration etc	15,326	16,623	13,787	15,561	13,371	14,535	1,688	2,103	1,384	1,883	1,253	1,682
Class 36 - Insurance; financial affairs; monetary affairs; etc	5,927	6,540	5,273	6,136	5,172	5,668	546	785	456	690	389	582
Class 37 - Building; construction, repair; installation services	3,661	3,636	3,257	3,485	3,209	3,269	421	509	354	449	310	423
Class 38 - Telecommunications	3,533	3,471	3,466	3,421	3,453	3,185	485	644	382	599	324	540

Classification	National UK Total Classes Applied For		National UK Total Classes Published		National UK Total Classes Registered		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Applied For		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Published		International Registrations Designating the UK Total Classes Protected	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Class 39 - Transportation, packaging and storage	2,873	2,945	2,556	2,759	2,439	2,595	371	440	302	402	268	363
Class 40 - Treatment of material	1,376	1,560	1,308	1,495	1,259	1,353	188	250	149	222	138	188
Class 41 - Education; entertainment; sporting and cultural applications	14,631	15,728	12,871	14,557	12,545	13,639	1,078	1,347	921	1206	813	1088
Class 42 - Scientific and technological services and research and design relating thereto ; industrial analysis and research services; design and development of computer hardware and software; legal services.	8,942	9,821	8,054	9,464	7,874	8,828	1,403	1,868	1166	1744	1035	1557
Class 43 - Services for providing food or drink ; temporary accommodation	5,511	5,602	4,932	5,309	4,588	5,047	407	493	344	446	311	416
Class 44 - Medical services; veterinary services, hygienic and beauty care for human beings or animals ; agriculture, horticulture and forestry services	4,298	4,809	3,707	4,414	3,591	4,122	341	477	264	455	234	418

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	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Class 45 - Personal and social services rendered by others to meet the needs of individuals ; security services for the protection of property and individuals	3,328	3,419	2,922	3,282	2,887	3,132	268	315	216	279	173	269
Totals	156,837	172,135	141,263	162,402	135,822	149,913	19,656	26,400	16,851	23,298	15,270	20,754
Percentage increase year on year		10%		15%		10%		34%		38%		36%

Notes

1. Total number of trade marks by class applied for, published and registered by National UK and International Registrations Designating the UK.
2. Since the implementation of the new Trade marks Act on 31 October 1994 applicants have been able to file an application (multi-class application) covering more than one class of goods and services.
3. Trade marks are classified according to the Nice classification. This is an international classification system of goods (classes 1 - 34) and services (classes 35 - 45).

Section 4: Trade mark applications top 10

2017				2018		
Rank	Organisation	Country	Applications	Organisation	Country	Applications
1	Apple Inc.	USA	122	British American Tobacco (Brands) Limited	UK	224
2	Independent Vetcare Limited	UK	101	Independent Vetcare Limited	UK	138
3	Atom Supplies Limited	UK	93	APPLE INC.	USA	95
4	TWG TEA COMPANY PTE LTD	Singapore	89	Gambling Commission	UK	84
5	Johnson & Johnson	USA	82	adp Gauselmann GmbH	Germany	64
6	Target Brands, Inc.	USA	76	Unilever Plc	UK	58
7	Islestarr Holdings Limited	UK	68	L'OREAL	France	56
8	Topps Tiles IP Company Limited	UK	59	Johnson & Johnson	USA	55
9	adp Gauselmann GmbH	Germany	58	Amazon Technologies, Inc.	USA	53
10	High Street TV (Group) Ltd	UK	56	GUANGDONG OPPO MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP., LTD.	China	53
Top 10 total			804	Top 10 total		880
Total applications in 2017			83,984	Total applications in 2018		95,203

Notes

1. Top 10 companies (and partnerships) who filed the most trade mark applications in the latest two years.
2. These figures include domestic applications and international registrations designating the UK.

Section 5: Trade mark registrations top 50

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2018	Organisation	Country	Registrations in 2018
*	1	British American Tobacco (Brands) Limited	GB	130
3	2	Independent Vetcare Limited	GB	119
1	3	Apple Inc.	US	101
11	4	Gambling Commission	GB	80
*	5	Robert Bosch GmbH	DE	65
5	6	adp Gauselmann GmbH	DE	60
2	7	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	US	60
*	8	London Grid for Learning Trust	GB	59
4	9	TWG TEA COMPANY PTE LTD	SG	53
*	10	Amazon Technologies, Inc.	US	48
*	11	McCain Foods (GB) Limited	GB	48
10	12	Topps Tiles IP Company Limited	GB	47
6	13	Atom Supplies Limited	GB	44
*	14	Dignity Funerals Ltd	GB	44
*	15	GUANGDONG OPPO MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP., LTD.	CN	44
13	16	Target Brands, Inc.	US	39
19	17	Islestarr Holdings Limited	GB	38
*	18	Monster Energy Company	US	37
*	19	Kingsland Drinks Limited	GB	36
*	20	Miles-Bramwell Executive Services Limited	GB	35
42	21	J Sainsbury plc	GB	34
*	22	Mariage Frères	FR	34
*	23	STEVENS Vertriebs GmbH	DE	33
25	24	Aldi Stores Limited	GB	33

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2018	Organisation	Country	Registrations in 2018
*	25	BrewDog plc	GB	33
*	26	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	KR	33
*	27	Amazon Europe Core S.à.r.l.	LU	32
*	28	Henkel AG & Co. KGaA	DE	32
20	29	Unilever Plc	GB	32
39	30	Aggregate Industries UK Limited	GB	31
*	31	Apogee Corporation Limited	GB	31
*	32	AstraZeneca AB	SE	31
*	33	Dermapharm AG	DE	30
*	34	Diversified Business Communications UK Ltd	GB	30
23	35	The Procter & Gamble Company	US	30
*	36	Private Applicant	GB	29
7	37	Glaxo Group Limited	GB	28
8	38	Hasbro, Inc.	US	28
*	39	Nicoventures Holdings Limited	GB	28
*	40	TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA (also trading as TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION)	JP	28
*	41	JACKITCO LIMITED	GB	27
17	42	Jaguar Land Rover Limited	GB	27
*	43	Village Pizza Limited	GB	27
*	44	High Street TV (Group) Ltd	GB	26
*	45	Legal & General Group plc	GB	26
*	46	Philip Morris Products S.A.	CH	26
*	47	Take Time Partnership Limited	GB	26

Ranking 2017	Ranking 2018	Organisation	Country	Registrations in 2018
26	48	HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO., LTD.	CN	25
*	49	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	NL	25
*	50	NFL Properties (UK) Limited	GB	25
Top 50 total				2,067

Notes

- * not previously in top 50
- These figures include domestic applications and international registrations designating the UK

Section 6: Maintenance of the trade mark register

Renewals and Registrations	2017	2018
No. of registrations renewable	61,410	51,988
No. of registrations renewed by application	30,323	25,004
No. of classes renewed	54,236	46,292
No. of lapsed registrations restored and renewed (not including above)	105	140

Notes

- Breakdown of the number of trade mark renewals by application and by class.

Introduction to designs

A registered design protects the visual appearance of a product, part of a product, or its ornamentation. This can also apply to an industrial or handcraft item. This IP right gives no protection for how a product works but merely for its appearance. That appearance can be affected by a number of contributory features including:

- lines
- contours
- colours
- shape
- texture
- material

The protection lasts for five years and you can renew it every five years, for up to 25 years.

Section 1: Applications for Design Registration according to Country of Residence of Applicant

	Applications Filed	
	2017	2018
United Kingdom	16,635	22,855
Albania	1	0
Algeria	5	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0
Argentina	2	0
Australia	72	211
Austria	6	2
Belgium	8	10
Brazil	11	4
British Virgin Islands	0	1
Canada	11	14
Cayman Islands	1	1
Channel Islands	55	25
Chile	0	0
China	366	1,137
Croatia	0	0
Cyprus	9	2
Denmark	10	5
Estonia	5	0
Finland	1	1
France	147	77
Germany	75	76
Gibraltar	0	0
Greece	0	0
Guinea-Bissau		1
Hong Kong	16	15
Hungary		1
India	6	10
Indonesia	0	0
Iran	1	0

Applications Filed

	2017	2018
Irish Republic	49	43
Isle of Man	3	8
Israel	4	38
Italy	91	18
Japan	18	34
Korea, Republic of	20	13
Latvia	0	0
Lebanon	1	0
Liechtenstein		5
Luxembourg	44	0
Macau		2
Malaysia	2	5
Malta	1	2
Mauritius	4	0
Netherlands	111	33
New Zealand	6	30
Nigeria		2
Norway	7	5
Pakistan		1
Panama		1
Papua New Guinea	0	0
Philippines	10	0
Portugal	1	1
Qatar	1	0
Romania	6	2
Russia	1	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis		1
Samoa	0	0
Saudi Arabia	1	3
Seychelles	0	0
Singapore	34	22
South Africa	3	1
Sri Lanka	3	0

Applications Filed

	2017	2018
Spain	0	5
Sweden	22	1
Switzerland	156	126
Taiwan	26	18
Tanzania	0	0
Thailand	0	15
Turkey	25	6
Ukraine	0	3
United Arab Emirates	21	7
United States of America	1,130	1,265
Vietnam	25	0
Total	19,269	26,164
year on year increase		36%

Notes

1. Number of designs filed according to country of residence of first named applicant.

Section 2: Design Applications and Registrations from the UK by Region

Region	Applications Filed		Designs Registered	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
East Midlands	754	761	653	573
East of England	1,630	4,346	1,559	4,237
London	3,968	4,999	3,527	4,404
North East	348	425	286	433
North West	2,132	3,485	1,918	3,335
Northern Ireland	131	329	109	329
Scotland	639	757	578	609
South East	2,467	2,043	2,137	1,991
South West	1,189	1,524	986	1,318
Wales	634	1,055	541	939
West Midlands	1,492	1,760	1,323	1,598
Yorkshire & The Humber	1,197	1,339	1,123	1,192
Other	54	32	57	26
Total	16,635	22,855	14,797	20,984

Notes

1. Number of designs filed and registered by applicant UK region.

Section 3: Design applications by classification of goods

2018

Locarno Class Number	Class	Applications filed
1	Foodstuffs	116
2	Clothing haberdashery	3,577
3	Travel goods/cases	739
4	Brushware	92
5	Textiles	100
6	Furnishing	1,844
7	Household goods	1,346
8	Tools and Hardware	1,240
9	Packages etc	689
10	Clocks watches etc	222
11	Articles of adornment	1,537
12	Transport/hoisting	693
13	Electricity	288
14	Recording/communication	801
15	Machines not elsewhere specified	76
16	Photographic/optical	189
17	Musical Instruments	59
18	Printing and office machinery	68
19	Stationery/artists equipment	1,022
20	Sales/advertising/signs	125
21	Games,/toys/sports goods	1,032
22	Arms/hunting/fishing	36
23	Fluid dist/sanitary/air conditioning	452
24	Medical/laboratory equipment	608
25	Building/construction	754
26	Lighting/apparatus	544
27	Tobacco and smokers articles	149
28	Pharmaceutical/cosmetic	692
29	Fire/accident prevention	87
30	Care and handling of animals	242
31	Machines for food/drink preparation	29

2018

Locarno Class Number	Class	Applications filed
32	Graphic symbols and logos, surface patterns	6,662
99	Miscellaneous	54
Total		26,164

Notes

1. Number of applications filed by classification of goods.

Section 4: Design applicants for registration, top 10

	2017		2018	
Rank	Organisation	Designs registered	Organisation	Designs registered
1	CRIB DESIGN LTD	280	Red Ocean International Ltd	3200
2	RED OCEAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	250	C MASCARENHAS LIMITED	1430
3	Online Discount Store Ltd	235	A Creative Cog Ltd	498
4	C Mascarenhas Limited	205	Reshape Direct Limited	347
5	Fringoo Group Ltd	181	G Decor Ltd	200
6	Ethicon LLC	175	Eco Furniture LTD	185
7	Gecko Tshirts Ltd	170	Strongs Memorials Ltd	180
8	Push Merchandising Ltd	154	Ethicon LLC	172
9	Hedkase Limited	141	Brand Protection PTY LTD	149
10	Ty Inc.	130	A Little Present Limited	142
Top 10 total		1,921	Top 10 total	6,503

Notes

1. Top 10 companies (and partnerships) who had the most designs granted in the latest two years.
2. Only applications with company names supplied are considered. Individuals have been removed.

Section 5: Design applicants for registration, top 50

Ranking	Organisation	Designs Registered
1	Red Ocean International Ltd	3200
2	C MASCARENHAS LIMITED	1430
3	A Creative Cog Ltd	498
4	Reshape Direct Limited	347
5	G Decor Ltd	200
6	Eco Furniture LTD	185
7	Strongs Memorials Ltd	180
8	Ethicon LLC	172
9	Brand Protection PTY LTD	149
10	A Little Present Limited	142
11	Katy Sue Designs Limited	121
12	Neptune (Europe) Ltd	120
13	SANOFI	101
14	K Two Products (Design) Ltd	101
15	Gift Base Ltd	100
16	Amazon Technologies, Inc.	99
17	Amy Somerville LTD	95
18	WEDFEST WEDDING STATIONERY LTD	91
19	YNR Instruments Ltd	90
20	H & S Alliance UK Ltd	79
21	CO STARS LONDON LTD	78
22	Online Discount Store Ltd	77
23	Surgi Corp Intl Ltd.	73
24	Boodle and Dunthorne Ltd	68
25	Fringoo Group Ltd	67
26	SS INSTRUMENTX LIMITED	66
27	Santoro Ltd	66
28	Toolally Limited	65
29	Carte Blanche Greetings Limited	63
30	GEBERIT INTERNATIONAL AG	63
31	Teamzad Ltd	60
32	Hasbro, Inc.	59

Ranking	Organisation	Designs Registered
33	Powerful Vision Ltd	58
34	Starsign Fabrics Ltd	54
35	ASR Interiors Ltd	51
36	mireille wehbe limited	51
37	Manchester Souvenirs Ltd	50
38	Soda Design Ltd	50
39	Edge o' Beyond Limited	50
40	Chengdu Bo Luo Ke Technology Co., Ltd.	50
41	Chengdu Mo Ni Ta Technology Co., Ltd.	50
42	The Artisan Chocolate Boutique ltd	50
43	Industrial Plastic Supplies Ltd	50
44	inodyn NewMedia GmbH	50
45	Shami Clothing LTD	50
46	V-Flair	50
47	Chengdu Ka Wo Er Technology Co., Ltd.	49
48	John Lewis PLC	49
49	Runaround Ltd	49
50	Thrive Venture Partners LTD	49
Top 50 Total		9,215

Notes

1. Top 50 companies (and partnerships) who had the most designs granted in the latest two years.

Section 6: Designs filed and registered

	Applications Filed			Designs Registered		
	Total	From Abroad	Claiming Priority under International Convention	year on year increase	Total	Year on year increase
2017	19,269	2,634	1,477		17,195	
2018	26,164	3,309	1,766	36%	24,425	42%

Notes

1. Number of designs filed and registered.
2. Breakdown of applications claiming priority and those from applicants based abroad.

Section 7: Renewals (Section 8(2) of the Registered Designs Act 1949)

	Design renewals				Total	year on year increase
	Extended for 2nd Period	Extended for 3rd period	Extended for 4th period	Extended for 5th period		
2017	1,087	530	1,469	919	4,005	
2018	1,255	469	740	813	3,277	-18%

Notes

1. Registered designs renewed
2. Breakdown by renewal extension period.

Section 1 Patent Hearings: Ex parte hearings and reasoned decisions made without a hearing (excluding reviews of opinions)

	Applications for Patents		Restorations / reinstatements		SPCs		Total	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Requested Hearing	82	70	4	1	1	1	87	72
Substantive decisions*	60	60	3	2	0	0	63	62
Procedural decisions / CMC*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Withdrawn	9	12	0	2	1	0	10	14
Appeals Heard by Courts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes

* A decision may relate to more than one patent application or granted patent.

- Where objections are raised against a patent application or granted patent, a hearing may be requested or the matter decided on the basis of papers filed (Requested Hearing). In both cases a decision is issued by the Office.
- A decision may be a substantive decision (Substantive Decisions). Procedural decisions are also issued and Case Management Conferences (CMC) may also be held by the Office (Procedural decisions/CMC).
- Requests may also be withdrawn by an applicant.
- The table includes the number of appeals against an Office decision heard by the courts (Appeals heard by Courts).
- An appeal from a decision of the comptroller lies with the Patents Court. Further appeal may lie to the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court. Questions arising from appeals may be referred to the European Court of Justice (CJEU).
- Supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) compensate patent holders for the loss of effective protection that results from the time taken to obtain regulatory approval.
- SPCs do not extend the term of patents, but give similar protection. They protect a specific pharmaceutical or plant protection product authorised.

Section 2 Patent Hearings: Inter partes hearings, reasoned decisions made without a hearing and reviews of opinions

	Ownership ¹		Revocation (Cancellation) ²		Oppositions ³		Declaration of non-infringement ⁴		Licences ⁵		Reviews of opinions ⁶		Total	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Filed	24	21	4	6	2	1	1	3	0	0	7	1	38	32
Substantive decisions	13	18	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	22	23
Procedural decisions / CMC	2	2	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	-	0	6	4
Withdrawn	5	5	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	11	0
Appeals Heard by Courts	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

Notes

1. Ownership: includes applications under Sections 8, 10, 12 and 37 and applications under Sections 13 and 40
2. Revocation (cancellation): includes applications under Section 72
3. Oppositions: include oppositions under Sections 27(5), 75(2) and 117(2)
4. Declarations of non-infringement: include applications under Section 71.
5. Licences: include applications under Sections 46(3) and 48(1) and oppositions under Sections 47(6) and 52(1)
6. Reviews of opinions: A patent proprietor or exclusive licensee may object to an opinion and apply for a review.

Various disputes relating to a patent application or granted patent can be referred to the comptroller decide.

Table shows the number of disputes filed according to type, the number of Substantive and Procedural decisions issued by the Office and the number of cases Withdrawn by claimants. The table includes the number of appeals against an Office decision heard by the courts. An appeal from a decision of the comptroller lies with the Patents Court. Further appeals may lie with the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court.

Section 3 Patent Hearings: Opinions as to validity or infringement

	Total	
	2017	2018
Filed	25	36
Issued	18	29
Refused	0	5
Withdrawn	1	0

Notes

1. Table shows the number of requests for an opinion Filed or Withdrawn - by a requester, and Refused and Issued - by the Office.
2. A request for a non-binding opinion may be filed where a dispute relates to infringement of a patent or the validity of a patent.
3. Infringing a patent means manufacturing, using, selling or importing a patented product or process without the patent owner's permission.
4. An opinion relating to validity can consider only issues of novelty or inventive step.

Section 4 Trade Mark Hearings: Objections, Hearings and Appeals

	2017	2018
Hearings - Ex Parte (a) -		
Number appointed	635	521
Number postponed etc	51	37
Number withdrawn before Hearings	25	22
Number taken	559	462
Number not yet taken	55	109
Refusals		
Written grounds issued	4	14
Appeals to Appointed Person (Ex Parte cases)		
Pending at beginning of year	2	3
Lodged during the year	4	6
Withdrawn	0	1
Unsuccessful	3	5
Successful / partially successful	0	0
Transferred to High Court	0	0
Decision set aside, Referred back to Registry	0	0
Pending at end of year	3	3

	2017	2018
Appeals made direct to the Court (Ex Parte cases)		
Pending at beginning of year	0	0
Lodged during the year	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0
Unsuccessful	0	0
Successful	0	0
Referred to ECJ	0	0
Pending at end of year	0	0

Notes

1. Number of hearings and appeals against Trade Marks by parties independent of IPO Office.
2. Ex-parte proceedings (a) covers applications under Section 37 of the Trade Marks Act 1994. Applicants/attorneys have the right to request a hearing when objections to the registrability of a mark are raised during examination.
3. Decisions of the Office can be appealed to an independent party specialising in Intellectual Property issues (Appeals to the Appointed Person) or to the Court (Appeals made directly to Court).

Section 5 Trade Mark Hearings: Oppositions to Trade Mark Registration

	2017	2018
Oppositions before the Registrar:		
Pending at beginning of year	1,752	2,226
Filed during the year	2,983	3,611
Fast Track Oppositions*	224	239
Total Oppositions Filed	3,207	3,850
Withdrawn -		
- applications	1,175	1,570
- oppositions	785	1,010
Oppositions unsuccessful	107	174
Oppositions successful / partially successful	165	248
Pending at end of year	2,226	2,651
Main Hearings on Oppositions (a)	73	99
Appeals to Appointed Person (Opposition/Post Registration cases)		
Pending at beginning of year	49	38
Lodged during year	55	70
Withdrawn	7	19
Unsuccessful	20	41
Successful / Partially successful	7	8
Transferred to High Court	0	0
Remitted back to Registry	0	4
Pending at end of year	38	46
Appeals made direct to the Court (Opposition cases/Post Registration cases)		
Pending at beginning of year	13	19
Lodged during the year	5	10
Withdrawn	0	0

	2017	2018
Successful / Partially successful	2	1
Referred to ECJ	0	0
Pending at end of year	19	21

Notes

* Fast Track Oppositions service began on 1st October 2013

- a. In addition 277 decisions were made from the papers, 119 case management conferences, 17 interlocutory hearings/joint hearings were held during the year.
1. Oppositions filed against Trade Marks.
 2. Once an application for registration has been accepted by the registry it is published in the Trade Marks Journal and open to opposition.
 3. Oppositions may be filed in respect of all or some of the goods and/or services for which registration of the trade mark is sought. The opposition period is two months (extendable to three months).
 4. At the conclusion of the proceedings an IPO Hearing Officer will make a decision either from the papers on file, or following a hearing (Oppositions before the Registrar).
 5. IPO decisions can be appealed to an independent party specialising in Intellectual Property issues (Appeals to the Appointed Person, Oppositions/Post Registration Cases) or to the Court. (Appeals made directly to Court, Oppositions cases).

Section 6 Trade Mark Hearings: Revocation/Invalidity/Rectification

	2017	2018
Applications to Registrar		
Pending at beginning of year	241	425
Filed in year (revocation / invalidity) (a)	400	481
Filed in year (rectification)	480	618
Withdrawn	184	159
Unsuccessful	30	29
Successful / Partially successful	153	202
Pending at end of year	425	451
Main Hearings (b)	37	23
Applications direct to Court		
Pending at beginning of year	39	48
Lodged in year	10	5
Withdrawn	1	0
Unsuccessful	0	0
Successful	0	0
Pending at end of year	48	53

Notes

- a. Of which 195 are revocations and 286 are invalidations
 - b. In addition 44 decisions were made from the papers without a hearing, 29 case management conferences, 2 interlocutory hearings/joint hearings
1. Applications for revocation, invalidation and rectification under Section 46,47, 60 and 64 - these procedures are combined in the table.
 2. Applications can be made to the IPO Registrar (Applications to Registrar), to the court as applications against the IPO Registrar (Appeals direct to Court: Post Registration cases) or direct applications can be made to Court (Applications direct to Court).
 3. Revocation is the legal procedure which allows anyone to seek the removal of a registered trade mark from the UK register. It is possible to apply in respect of all or only some of the goods and/or services for which the trade mark is registered.
 4. Invalidation is the legal procedure to cancel a registered trade mark and takes the same form as an opposition to a trade mark application.
 5. Rectification is the procedure which allows anyone to apply to correct (rectify) an error or an omission that has been made in the details of a trade mark recorded in the UK register.

Section 7 Design Hearings: Ex Parte Hearings and Appeals Under the Registered Designs Act 1949

	Hearings held and Outcome		Allowed to Proceed		Appeals to Tribunal		
	Hearings Held	Refused	With modification	Without modification	Dismissed	Allowed	Withdrawn
2017	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes

1. Number of hearings & appeals for design proceedings.
2. Ex-parte proceedings covers applications under Section 37 of the Trade Marks Act 1994. When an objection to the registrability of a mark is raised during the examination process the applicant/attorney can request a hearing with an IPO Hearings Officer.
3. Based upon the facts presented at the Hearing, the IPO Hearings Officer will decide whether the objection can be waived or maintained.

Section 8 Design Hearings: Cancellation under Sections 11 & 11(2) and Invalidation under Section 11ZB of the Registered Designs Act 1949 (as amended)

	Filed		Decided		Allowed		Refused		Appeals Heard	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Cancellation by Registered Proprietor	10	203	0	0	10	202	0	1	0	0
Invalidations by Third Party	55	35	8	9	6	5	1	9	1	1

Notes

1. Number of Cancellations/Invalidation proceedings.
2. Cancellation is the legal procedure to remove a registered design from the UK register by the proprietor of the Trade Mark (Cancellation by Registered Proprietor).
3. Invalidation is the legal procedure to remove a registered design from the UK register by the third party (Invalidations by Third Party).
4. At the conclusion of the proceedings IPO Hearing Officer will make a decision either from the papers on file or following a hearing.
5. The IPO Hearing Officer's decision can be appealed to the Court (Appeals Heard)
6. Some decisions involve multiple (joined) invalidity applications and so the total allowed and refused will be more than the total number of decisions issued

Section 9 Design Hearings: Proceedings under Sections 246 and 247 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

	Design Right Section 246		Design Right Licences of right Section 247		Totals	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Filed	0	0	0	2	0	0
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decided	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appeals Heard by Court	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes

1. Number of disputes Filed, Withdrawn - by an applicant and Decided - by the Office under sections 246 and 247 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.
2. Certain disputes relating to design right can be referred to the comptroller to decide.
3. Disputes under section 246 relate to the subsistence of a design right, the term of a design right or the identity of the person who has the first claim to the design right.
4. Disputes under section 247 relate to applications to settle terms of licences of right.
5. The table also includes data relating to the number of appeals against an Office decision heard by the courts (Appeals Heard by Courts). An appeal from a decision of the comptroller lies with the Patents Court. Further appeals may lie with the Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court.

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