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# UK patent application timeline

**0 Months**

## File patent application

Form 1, £30 application fee or £20 (online filing) OR defer payment. Include at least Description and Drawings. Only the title is published at this stage

## Request patent search

Form 9A, £150 application fee (paper) or £130 (online) plus £30 application fee if not already paid. File Claims and Abstract if not already done. Any time within 12mths, but aim to do within 6mths

**12 Months**

Deadline for requesting UK patent search or applying to extend protection overseas

**18 Months**

## First publication of specification (A)

**2 Years**

## Request examination

Form 10, £100 (paper) or £80 (online). Within 6mths of publication

Examiner raises objections. You respond within set time limit. You may have to change your claims. Continue until objections overcome

## Patent Granted. Second publication (B)

**4 Years**

## Pay renewal fees

Form 12, £70 (5th year after filing) rising to £600 (20th year)

**4.5 Years**

Final deadline for putting application in order for grant

**20 Years**

Expiration of patent. You cannot renew further and anyone can now make use of this invention

**Patent pending:** From filing you can claim "patent pending" and discuss your idea with others

**Application Fee:** If you didn't pay when filing you can do so any time before requesting search using form AF1. The reduction for online filing only applies if paying when filing form 1

**Protection Overseas:** If wish to extend protection overseas you must begin the application process within 12 months of filing the UK application

**New developments:** If you develop the idea within the first year you can file a new application and claim the first as priority

**12 month deadline:** If you have done nothing by this date your application is withdrawn. If you have made nothing public you can always file again

Further information: www.ipo.gov.uk

**Late Grant:** If your patent is granted later than 3yrs 9mths from filing your 1st renewal is due 3mths from grant

**Renewal:** Fees are due each year on the last day of the month of the anniversary of filing

**Late Payments:** You can extend time limits by up to 2mths by paying an additional fee (form 52, £135) Renewals can be extended up to 6mths (£24 for each month late) after which you can apply to restore (up to 19mths) - subject to approval: must have a very good reason!

## Typical time to grant is two to three years

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