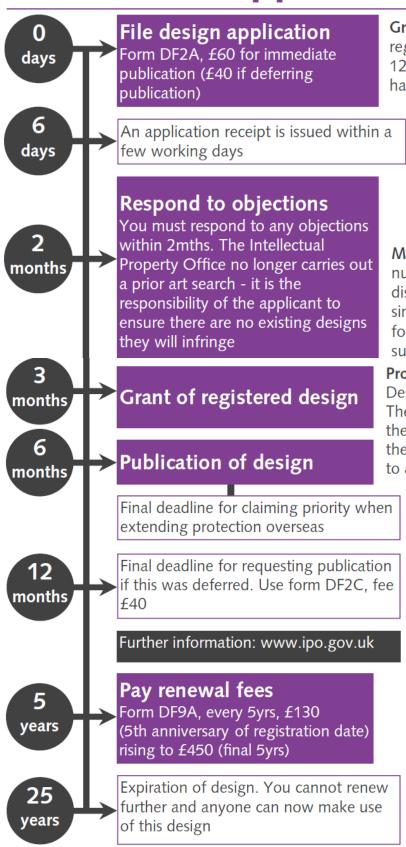
Business & IP Centre

UK registered design application timeline



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Grace Period: You can try out a design before registering, but must apply to register within the 12mth Grace Period. If you do so ensure you have evidence of when the design was created

Deferred Publication: This allows you to pay £40 initially and defer publication for up to 12mths, paying a further £40 when requesting publication. Useful to establish priority, when you are not yet ready to bring the product to market

Multiple Designs: It is common to create a number of different designs and you can get a discount if you file multiple applications simultaneously. You pay the standard charge for the first and get a £20 reduction for each subsequent design

Protection overseas: A European Community Design will protect you in all EU countries. There is an international application known as the Hague System, but coverage is poor beyond the EU, so it may be better to apply individually to any countries outside the EU

Late Renewal: You can still renew your design within 1mth of the renewal date at no extra charge and within 2-6mths by paying an additional £24 per mth late

Restoration: Within 6-12mths of the renewal date you can still apply to restore for £120 plus outstanding fees. Only applies to designs registered on or after 1/8/89 and you must have a very good reason for not renewing in time!

Unregistered Design Right: Only for shape, not surface pattern. Lasts 10yrs from when first offered for sale or 15yrs from creation (whichever ends earlier). Similar to copyright: must prove opponent copied directly from you: create records of date of creation

Typical time to registration is one to three months

