

Design Registration Guide

Legal

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Get a guide to registering an industrial design under the Designs Act 2000 — eligibility, the Locarno class, the process and forms, and the term — to protect a product visual appearance. Fill in the details below.

Purpose of this tool & output

Protect the visual design of a product

How the output is used

Use it to protect the visual design of a product — the application to register a design under the Designs Act for its shape and appearance.

Who receives it

The application is filed with the Design Office of the Patent Office under the Designs Act.

How to submit / file it

File the representations, class and statement of novelty for a new, previously undisclosed design; prior publication can defeat registration.

Fees & charges

Government filing fees by applicant type; professional fees are extra where an agent files it.

Who should vet it

An IP attorney, to file the correct class and representations and to confirm novelty before filing.

Important cautions

AI-generated guide; publish nothing before filing; a professional should verify novelty.

Companion documents

- IP & Trademark Status Tracker
- Trademark Class Finder
- Trademark Search Strategy
- TM Examination Reply Drafter
- Copyright Registration Guide
- Patent Provisional Spec Outline

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