

Filing requirements for design applications in New Zealand.

The Watermark team gives you expert advice and assistance on all intellectual property matters in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Filing Requirements

To proceed with the filing of a design application in New Zealand we require the following information:

- The full name(s) and address(es) of the applicant(s).
- The generic name of the article(s) or product(s) e.g. bottle, pump, shoe.
- Representations of the article(s) or product(s), preferably including a perspective view.
- A description of any new and distinctive features of the design(s) which are to be given particular emphasis when considering validity and infringement of the design.
- Entitlement details confirming how the applicant(s) gains entitlement to registration of the design from the author(s) e.g. by explicit assignment or employment contract.
- Details of any claim to convention priority, including priority application number, country and filing date of the priority application(s).
- A duly executed authorisation of agent form empowering us to act on behalf of the applicant before the New Zealand Design Registry. The authorization of agent form needs to be executed by the applicant or their authorized officer. We can provide a suitable document for execution by the applicant upon receipt of instructions to proceed with a design application.

Examination

Unlike the examination process in Australia, substantive examination of design applications in New Zealand is automatic. The design application proceeds to registration once substantive examination is completed and all examiner objections, if there are any, are overcome.

Term

A design is registered in New Zealand for an initial period of five (5) years from the registration date. Renewal occurs in five (5) year periods at the 5th and 10th anniversary's for a potential maximum term of fifteen (15) years.

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