

# Filing a design application in New Zealand

## Minimum requirements

1. Name of applicant(s).
2. A copy of the design representations – this copy may be informal.
3. Priority date – if convention priority is claimed.

## Full requirements

1. Full name, nationality and street address of the applicant(s).
2. Five sets of the design representations (four for filing at the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand and one for our file). The representations must be on A4 paper, with a left-hand margin of 5 cm, and with each view designated in words. The representations may be in the form of photographs mounted on paper with view designations.
2. Authorisation of Agent signed by the applicant(s).
3. Statement about what the design is applied to (title).
4. Statement of novelty identifying the feature(s) of the design for which novelty is claimed. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, the statement of novelty reading will be one of the following:

"The novelty claimed for the design resides in the features of shape and/or configuration all as shown in the representations."

or

"The novelty claimed for the design resides in the features of pattern and/or ornament all as shown in the representations."

## Additional requirements for convention applications

1. Details of the filing date and country in which the priority-forming application(s) was/were filed. Full name, nationality and street address of the basic applicant(s) in respect of the priority-forming application(s).
2. Details of the assignment from the basic applicant(s) to the New Zealand applicant(s), if the New Zealand applicant(s) is/are not the basic applicant(s).
3. Priority document (comprising a certified copy of the priority-forming application). If the priority document is not in English, a verified English translation of the priority document is also required. These documents are due within three months of the application filing date (extendible only in genuine and exceptional circumstances).

Talk to A J Park for the best advice about registering a design.

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