



REGISTERING YOUR DESIGN

The protection of a novel shape or pattern as applied to a particular object

Search Request with the National Office

One of the requirements for a design is that it is original and new. For this reason it is recommended to carry out a design search prior to applying for registration.

The minimum requirements for a search to be carried out are:

1. The name of the design
2. The date of application
3. The name of the applicant

The pre-application search request may be made either online, by email, fax or post and this service carries a fee of €11.65 per design. Alternatively, a search may be carried out at the office by searching the register manually for which no fees are involved.

It is also recommended to search the Community Design database at:

<http://oami.europa.eu/RCDOnline/RequestManager>

Filing an Application with the National Office

An application form is to be submitted to the Commerce Division's Industrial Property Registrations Directorate either online or by downloading the conventional form from:

www.ipa.gov.mt

The application form is to be accompanied by:

1. The name of the design
2. A number of drawings or photos showing the design from different angles
3. A description of the design

The fee is of €46.59.

Methods of Payment

Payment may be done either:

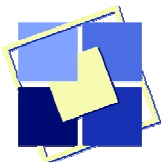
1. directly at the IPRD's Cash Office, room 109, by cash (exact amount), cheque or HSBC Quick Cash, VISA Card, VISA Electron, MASTER Card, MAESTRO and DINERS Card International;
2. by post - the application form together with a cheque payable to 'The Comptroller of Industrial Property';
3. online at: www.ipo.gov.mt

Public Office Hours

Winter (1st October - 15th June): 08:30 - 12:00; 13:30 – 16:00

Summer (16th June - 30th September): 08:00 - 12:00

A minimum of 30 minutes prior to the Cash Office closing time is recommended for a pre-application search.



Information Supplied by the

Industrial Property Registrations Directorate

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