

Requirements for New Zealand Design Applications

Minimum Filing Requirements for Urgent Design Applications

The minimum information and documentation we require to file a design application in New Zealand is:

- 1 Representations of the design (which may be informal and emailed or faxed).
- 2 The name of the applicant.
- 3 The date and country of any applications from which priority is claimed.
- 4 If the design is to be restricted to any particular features of the article, information specifying what restriction.

Filing Requirements for Design Applications

- 1 An Application Form and Authorisation of Agent

We require the following details for the preparation of these forms:

- i Full name, address and nationality of applicant(s), including state or country of incorporation of a body corporate.
- ii Designation (title) of signatory when applicant is body corporate.
- iii The date, application number, and country of any application from which priority is being claimed.

- 2 Statement of Novelty

A statement of Novelty is required, which we will normally prepare.

The Statement of Novelty will need to:

- a. identify one or more of the features of the design, if the design is to be restricted to one or more of the features.
- b. identify whether the design is directed to the shape and configuration of the article or the pattern or ornament on the article.

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3 Representations

One set of representations is required. We can make additional copies. The representations should include each of the main views of the article showing all features of the design.

4 Copy of Priority Application

If you are claiming convention priority, an officially certified copy of the priority document must be provided within 3 months of filing the application.

If the priority document is in a language other than English, a translation with a declaration from the translator is required within 3 months of filing the application.

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