

Guide to the Overseas Registration of Patents, Trade Marks and Designs



UK national patents, European (UK) patents, UK registered designs and UK registered trade marks may be registered in a number of overseas territories to extend protection to them. This guide outlines the territories in which such registration is available, and the requirements for extending protection to those territories.

European Patent Applications

Automatic Protection

UK national patents and European (UK) patents automatically extend protection to:

- **British Indian Ocean Territory**
- **Isle of Man**
- **Kingdom of Eswatini**

Protection Requiring Registration

Registration of UK national patents is available in the territories listed opposite. In the territories marked with an asterisk (*), European patents designating the UK can also be registered. Unless otherwise stated, registration must be applied for within three years of the date of grant of the UK national patent or European (UK) patent.

The maximum period of protection is 20 years, and the overseas registration will remain in force only as long as the UK or European (UK) patent on which it is based is in force. If the basic UK or European (UK) patent expires or lapses for any reason, the overseas registration will automatically cease.

Anguilla*
Bermuda*
British Virgin Islands*
Cayman Islands*¹
Falkland Islands*
Fiji*
Gibraltar*
Grenada*
Guernsey*¹
Guyana
Jersey*
Kiribati*

Montserrat
Nauru
North Cyprus
Saint Helena
Saint Lucia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands*
Tanzania – Zanzibar
Turks & Caicos Islands*²
Tuvalu*
Vanuatu*

- ¹ Registration may be applied for any time after the date of grant, and during the life of, the UK/European (UK) patent.
- ² Registration must be applied for within five years of the date of grant of the UK/European (UK) patent.

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UK Registered Designs

Registration of UK registered designs is available in the territories listed below. Unless otherwise stated, UK registered design rights automatically extend to these territories. In other territories, action must be taken to register the UK design registration there.

Anguilla
Bermuda
Brit. Indian Ocean Terr.
British Virgin Islands
Cayman Islands³
Falkland Islands
Fiji
Gambia
Gibraltar*
Grenada
Guernsey³
Guyana
Isle of Man
Jersey⁴
Kingdom of Eswatini

Kiribati
Malta⁵
Montserrat
North Cyprus
Saint Helena
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Tanzania – Tanganyika
Tanzania – Zanzibar
Tuvalu⁶

- ³ Registration may be applied for any time after the date of registration, and during the life of, the UK registered design.
⁴ Registration must be applied for within three years of the date of registration, and during the life of, the UK registered design.
⁵ Registration must be applied for within four months of filing the registered design.
⁶ Registration may be applied for.

UK Registered Trade Marks

UK registered trade marks can be registered in the territories listed below. Unless otherwise stated, registration may be applied for any time after the date of registration of, and during the life of, the UK registered trade mark. There is a lack of clarity regarding which territories allow the registration of International Trade Marks.

Anguilla
Bahamas
Bermuda¹⁰
Brit. Indian Ocean Terr.⁷
Cayman Islands¹¹
Falkland Islands⁷
Fiji
Gambia⁸
Gibraltar
Grenada⁹
Guernsey¹⁰
Guyana

Isle of Man⁷
Jersey
Kiribati
Montserrat
North Cyprus
Saint Helena¹⁰
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Samoa¹²
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Tuvalu⁶

- ⁷ UK registered trade marks automatically extend to this territory.
⁸ Registration must be applied for within four months of filing the registered trade mark.
⁹ International registrations covering the UK cannot be registered.
¹⁰ European Union Trade Mark (EUTM) registrations cannot be registered.
¹¹ EUTMs registered in the UK may be extended.
¹² Registration must be applied for within 12 months of filing the registered trade mark.

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