

UK Trade Mark Application Timeline

Trade Mark registrations in the UK are administered by the Intellectual Property Office (IPO), formerly known as the Patent Office.

The timeline below gives approximate timescale to achieve registration in a straightforward case, in the absence of objections or oppositions.

Time (months)	
0	File UK trade mark application, examination as to formalities.
1-3	Examination on absolute grounds only, issuance of examination report.
4	Acceptance of application and publication for opposition purposes for two months (extendable by a further month).
6-9	Registration certificate issued.
	UK Trade Mark Registrations last indefinitely provided use criteria met, with renewal fees payable every 10 years.

This timeline is for guidance only, and the actual deadlines will vary from case to case.