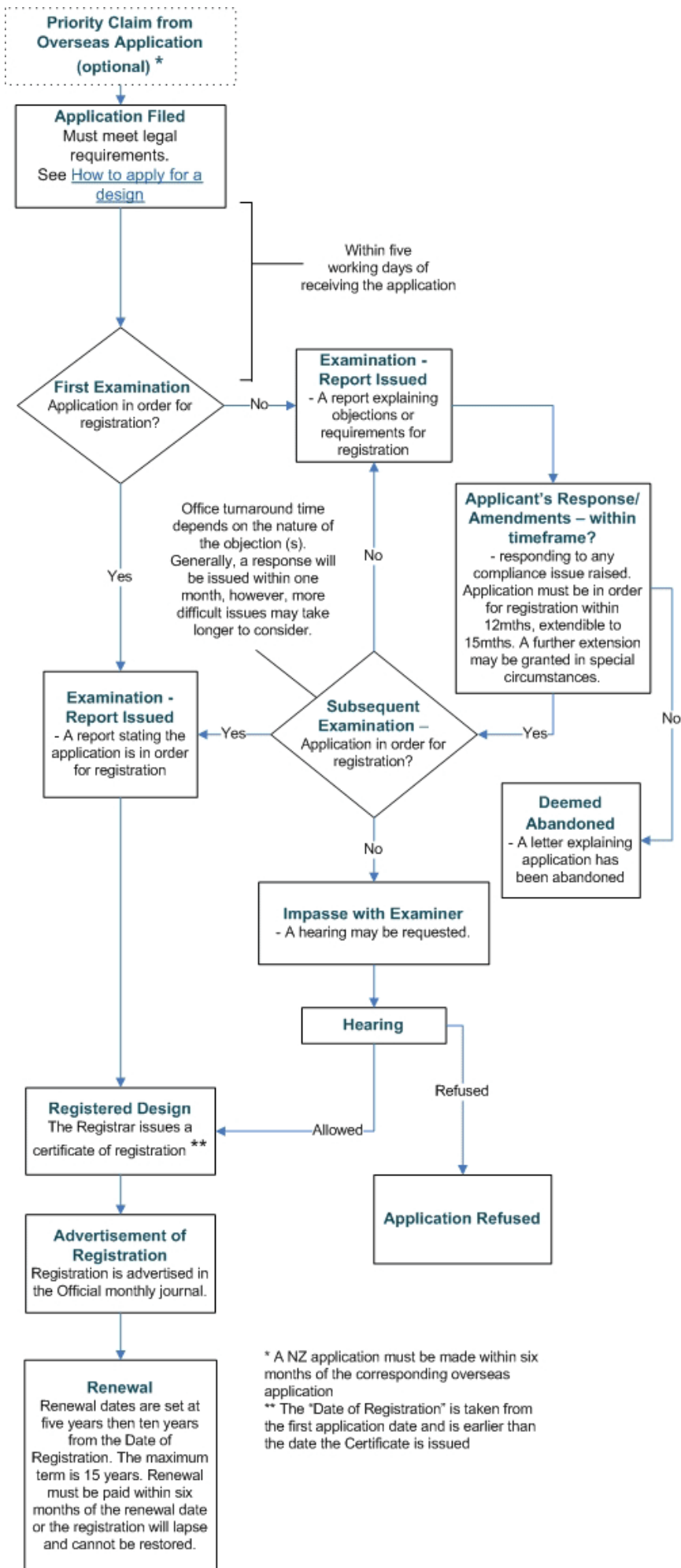




INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

The designs process



* A NZ application must be made within six months of the corresponding overseas application

** The "Date of Registration" is taken from the first application date and is earlier than the date the Certificate is issued

- For information about our current processing times please [click here](#).

Once you have submitted an application or correspondence you can keep up-to-date with its progress through our View IP History service.

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What happens after my application is received?

Once the Intellectual Property Office has received your application it will be examined for registrability.

If your design is registrable a Certificate of Registration will be sent to you and a notice will be published in the [IPONZ Designs Journal](#) to say that your design has been registered.

If your application is not considered registrable, you will receive an Examination Report outlining the reasons we cannot register your design. You may need to meet certain conditions before your application can be registered. You will have 12 months (extendable by up to three months) to meet these conditions or convince the Office that your design can be registered.

If matters cannot be resolved in this way, you have the right to request a hearing. If you request a formal hearing, you will be required to [pay a Hearing Fee](#), at the time you make the request.

An Assistant Commissioner will then consider the case and issue a written decision, including any order as to payment of costs for example legal costs and disbursements. For more information please see our practice guidelines on [Cost Awards in Proceedings before the Commissioner](#).

For more information please see [Maintaining a Design](#).

Can my design be cancelled after it is granted?

Yes. The registration can be cancelled or the registration details corrected. The Commissioner and the High Court can cancel or correct a registered design for a number of reasons; for example, because:

- The design was not new and original
- The design was granted to a person who was not entitled to apply for it.

When a registered design is cancelled the owner loses the right to sole use of that design.