

Requirements for Registrability

Industrially applicable
(Design Law: Article 3, Paragraph 1, Main paragraph)

Disregarded cases



Natural objects such as a foliage plant
(even if the same kind of plant is used,
it's impossible to produce an identical shape.)

Novelty
(Design Law: Article 3, Paragraph 1)

- A design that is identical with or similar to part of a design described in the statement in another application, nor publicly known in Japan or a foreign country.
- Publications containing the design have not been published.
- Electronic information about the design has not been published on the Internet.

Creativity
(Design Law: Article 3, Paragraph 2)

Disregarded cases



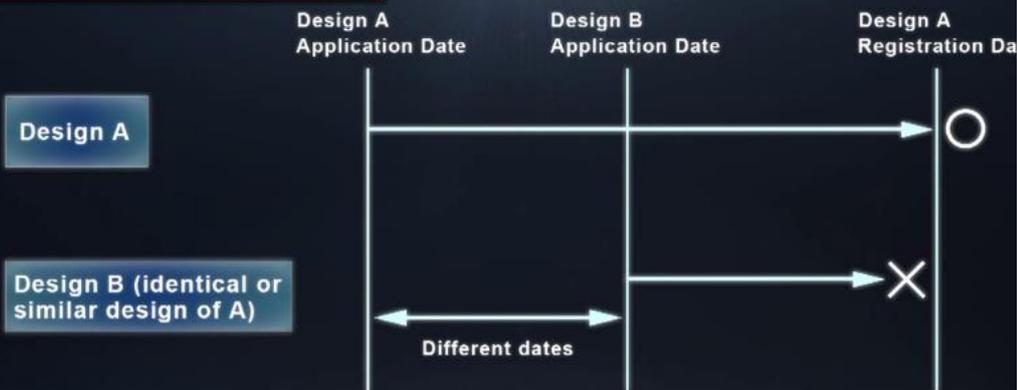
e.g. Ornamental motif on Tokyo Skytree, or The Arc de Triomphe

Does not contravene public order or morality
(Design Law: Article 5)

Disregarded cases



Prior application
(Design Law: Article 9)



One application per design
(Design Law: Article 7)

Flow of Design Registration Application

