

# Guide for Making Applications and Drawings for Design Registration

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## Preface

When filing an application for design registration, the applicant needs to submit an application stating necessary matters as well as drawings, etc. representing the design for which the design registration is requested, according to laws and regulations.

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) released guidelines in 1991 explaining how to make such applications and drawings, etc. and in 2008, the guidelines were consolidated into a handbook and published as the “Guide for Making Applications and Drawings for Design Registration.” The JPO has since reviewed and enhanced the contents of the Guide in response to the partial revision of the Examination Guidelines for Design in 2016, the partial revision of the Examination Guidelines for Design in 2017, and the partial revision of the Examination Guidelines for Design in 2019.

As a result of buildings and graphic images being recently added to subject to protection following revision of the Design Act in 2019, new statements corresponding to those revisions have been added and related statements have been reviewed. In addition, as a consequence of the recent revision, the JPO has published “Examples of the Article, etc. to the Design” as an appendix to this Guide to serve as a guideline for making statements in applications when filing an application.

This Guide has been designed to describe a basic outline and typical examples of how to prepare applications and drawings for design registration, but not to mandate that applications and drawings, etc. be made exactly as described in this Guide.

For details on requirements for registration, please see the “Examination Guidelines for Design,” and for the prescribed forms, etc. required for the procedures, please see the “Guidelines for the Procedures of Filing an Application for Design Registration.”

We hope that this Guide will be of help in preparing applications and drawings, etc. when filing an application for design registration.

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