



# LAOS

## INDUSTRIAL DESIGN HANDBOOK

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## Legislation

Decree No. 01/PM on Patent, Petty Patent and Industrial Design.

## Definition

Industrial design is appearance of a product expressed in shapes, lines, dimensions, colors or any combination thereof.

## Criteria

The general requirements for a design to be eligible for protection are:

- novelty;
- it involves inventive step;
- it is susceptible of industrial application.

## Rule of Priority

Applications for priority have to be made within six months from the earliest date of filing.

## Duration and Renewal

The duration of protection is 5 years from the official filing date in Cambodia. Thereafter, the registration may be renewed every 5 years up to a maximum of 15 years.



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## Procedures

### ▼ Application

The entire duration for obtaining a Patent for design will take approximately 12 months as of the official filing date.

Where the application complies with the requirements, the Registry shall accord the time and date of filing.

If the application did not fulfill the requirements, the Registry shall suggest the applicant to file the required correction and shall accord the time and date of filing, the date of receipt of the final required correction.

### ▼ Publication

After examination, fulfils that the all conditions of this Decree the Registry shall notify the applicant to pay the prescribed fee and shall issue a certificate of the industrial design which shall be published to the public or shall be published by a request reflected the application for registration pursuant to Article 32 of this Decree.

### ▼ Registration

The entire duration for obtaining a Patent for design will take approximately 12 months as of the official filing date.

### ▼ Renewal

An industrial design shall expire 5 years after the filing date of the application and may be renewed for two continuous periods and each period takes 5 years where the application for renewal shall apply during 90 days before the expiry.

## Filing Requirements

**The following information and/or documents are required to file an application for an industrial design application in Laos:-**

- Application form:-
  - △ the name and address of the applicant.
  - △ description of the industrial design, comprising of:-
    - (i) the name of the article to which the industrial design is applied;
    - (ii) the field of using articles to which the industrial design is applied;
    - (iii) stating the salient features of design to which the registration is sought.
  - △ a statement justifying the applicant's rights to the registration of the industrial design, if the creator himself is not the applicant.
- Power of Attorney.
- Six sets of representation of the design (drawings or photographs).
- Priority documents and certified English translation (if necessary) of the priority document.

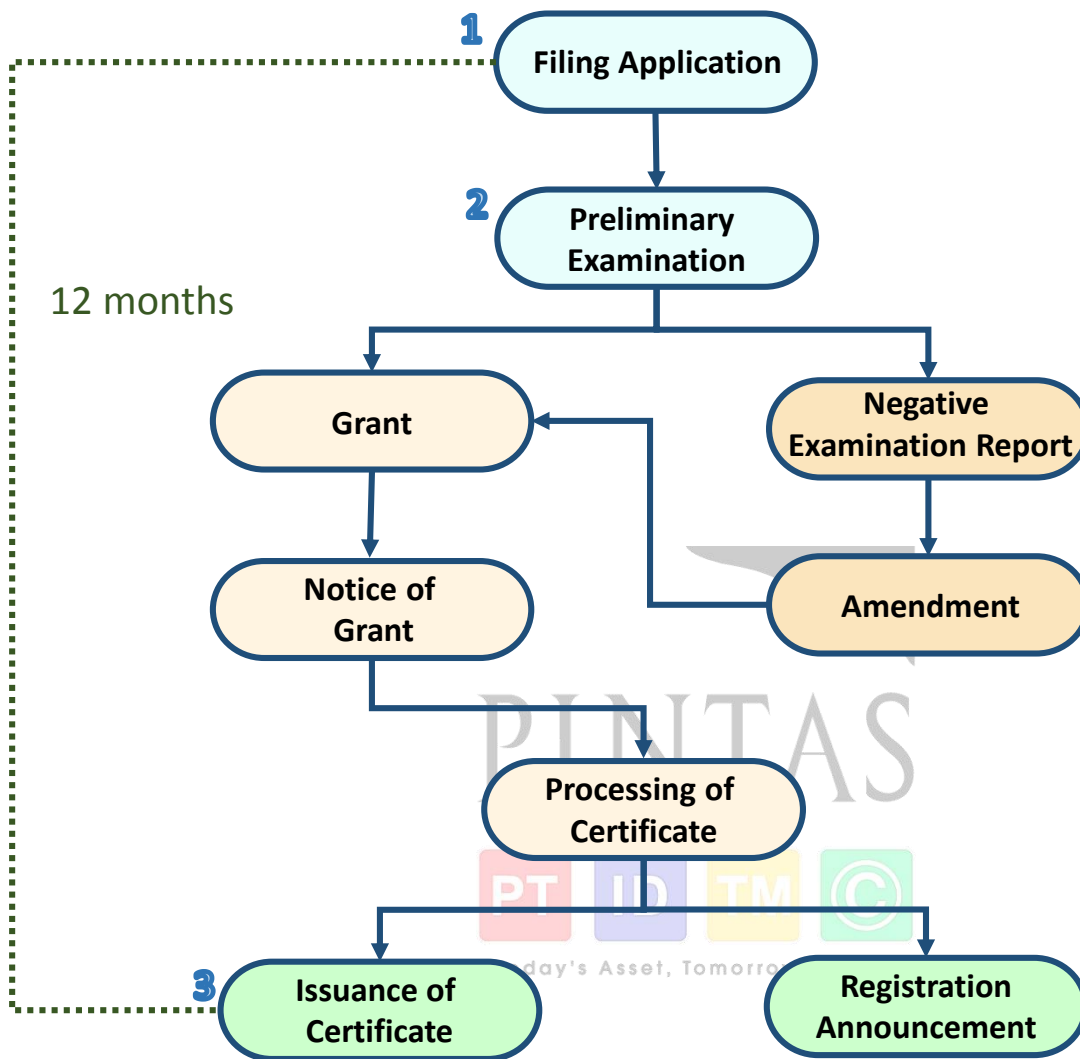
## Documents To Be Furnished For Filing An Industrial Design Application in Laos

Basic Requirements		
Documents	Remarks	Time of Filing
Power of Attorney	Signed by applicant and notarized by the Notary Public	On filing date
Deed of Assignment	(if applicable) Signed by applicant and notarized by the Notary Public	On filing date
Drawing / Photographs	7-view orthographic drawings or photographs (must exhibit white background and be in grayscale) - front, back, left, right, top, bottom and perspective view. Dimension of representation should not be less than 90mm x 120mm and not exceeding 210mm x 297mm.	On filing date

Additional Documents for Claiming Convention Priority		
Documents	Remarks	Time of Filing
Priority documents	Certified	On filing date

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# Industrial Design Application Process in Laos (Formality Examination Regime)



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