

Coronavirus advice for rights applicants

The IPO will take whatever measures we can to support rights applicants and their attorneys who have been affected.

Can deadlines be extended?

The IPO will extend time periods where national and international legislation allows. We are willing to support affected customers using the discretionary powers available to us.

Extensions of time

The IPO is willing to consider requests for extensions of time as favourably as possible on a case-by-case basis.

Loss of rights due to failure to meet a time period

Where a failure to meet a time period has resulted in a loss of rights, those rights may be reinstated or restored in certain circumstances.

The UK's intellectual property legislation does not provide any single provision for all situations that may arise. Legal provisions depend on the nature of the late response and the circumstances of the delay. IPO staff can explain the options available and how reinstatement or restoration procedures work.

For more information or to request an extension, customers should:

- contact the named officer or section dealing with their application
- contact the IPO Information Centre at Information@ipo.gov.uk or telephone on 0300 300 2000