## Design protection

### What is protected?
- Forms i.e. the exterior appearance of an object

### How does it become protected?
- Registration in the design register
  - Novel

### Minimum requirements
  - Overall impression must clearly differentiate from existing forms
  - Not against public order or public morality
  - Purely technical functions
  - Ideas and concepts
  - Anything that violates federal law (e.g. protection of coats of arms) and treaties

### No protection for
- None

### Scope of protection
- Defined by the representation

### Period of protection
- 5 years (renewable thereafter 4 × 5 years up to a maximum of 25 years)

### Indications of protection
- mod. dep.
- Use optional, misuse punishable by law

### Application fees (CH)
- 200 CHF (basic fee) including publication
Application fees (CH) of one representation

Renewal / maintenance fees (CH) 200 CHF (5 years)

Unique to Switzerland

› Publication can be deferred for up to 30 months

› Novelty not examined for)

DOCUMENTS & LINKS

- Federal Act on the Protection of Designs
- Ordinance on the Protection of Designs
- Brochure Design protection in German
- Brochure Design protection in French
- Brochure Design protection in Italien

RELATED TOPICS

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