



Registered Designs Act 1949

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[^{F1}Meaning of “the court” and appeals]

[^{F1}27 The court.

- (1) In this Act “the court” means—
 - (a) in England and Wales the High [^{F2}Court,]
 - (b) in Scotland, the Court of Session, and
 - (c) in Northern Ireland, the High Court.
- (2) Provision may be made by rules of court with respect to proceedings in the High Court in England and Wales for references and applications under this Act to be dealt with by such judge of that court as the [^{F3}Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales may, after consulting the Lord Chancellor, select] for the purpose.]
- [^{F4}(3) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise his functions under subsection (2).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 27 substituted by [Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 \(c. 48, SIF 67A\)](#), s. 272, **Sch. 3 para. 16**
- F2** Word in s. 27(1)(a) substituted (1.10.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), **Sch. 9 para. 21(2)**; S.I. 2013/1725, art. 3(c)
- F3** Words in s. 27(2) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 4 para. 36(2)**; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(d)
- F4** S. 27(3) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 4 para. 36(3)**; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(d)

Changes to legislation:

Registered Designs Act 1949, Section 27 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 January 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date.

Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 27(1)(a) words inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 10\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 22(1)(aa) and word inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 22(5) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 22(6)(7) inserted by [2014 c. 18 s. 9\(5\)](#)