



Registered Designs Act 1949

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Powers and Duties of Registrar

[^{F1}31 Evidence before registrar.

- (1) Rules made by the Secretary of State under this Act may make provision—
- (a) as to the giving of evidence in proceedings before the registrar under this Act by affidavit or statutory declaration;
 - (b) conferring on the registrar the powers of an official referee of the [^{F2}Senior Courts][^{F3}or of the Court of Judicature]as regards the examination of witnesses on oath and the discovery and production of documents; and
 - (c) applying in relation to the attendance of witnesses in proceedings before the registrar the rules applicable to the attendance of witnesses in proceedings before such a referee.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 31 substituted by [Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 \(c. 48, SIF 67A\)](#), s. 272, **Sch. 3 para. 20**
- F2** Words in Act substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 11 para. 4**; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)
- F3** Words in s. 31(b) inserted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 11 para. 18**; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)

Changes to legislation:

Registered Designs Act 1949, Section 31 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 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\(5\)](#)