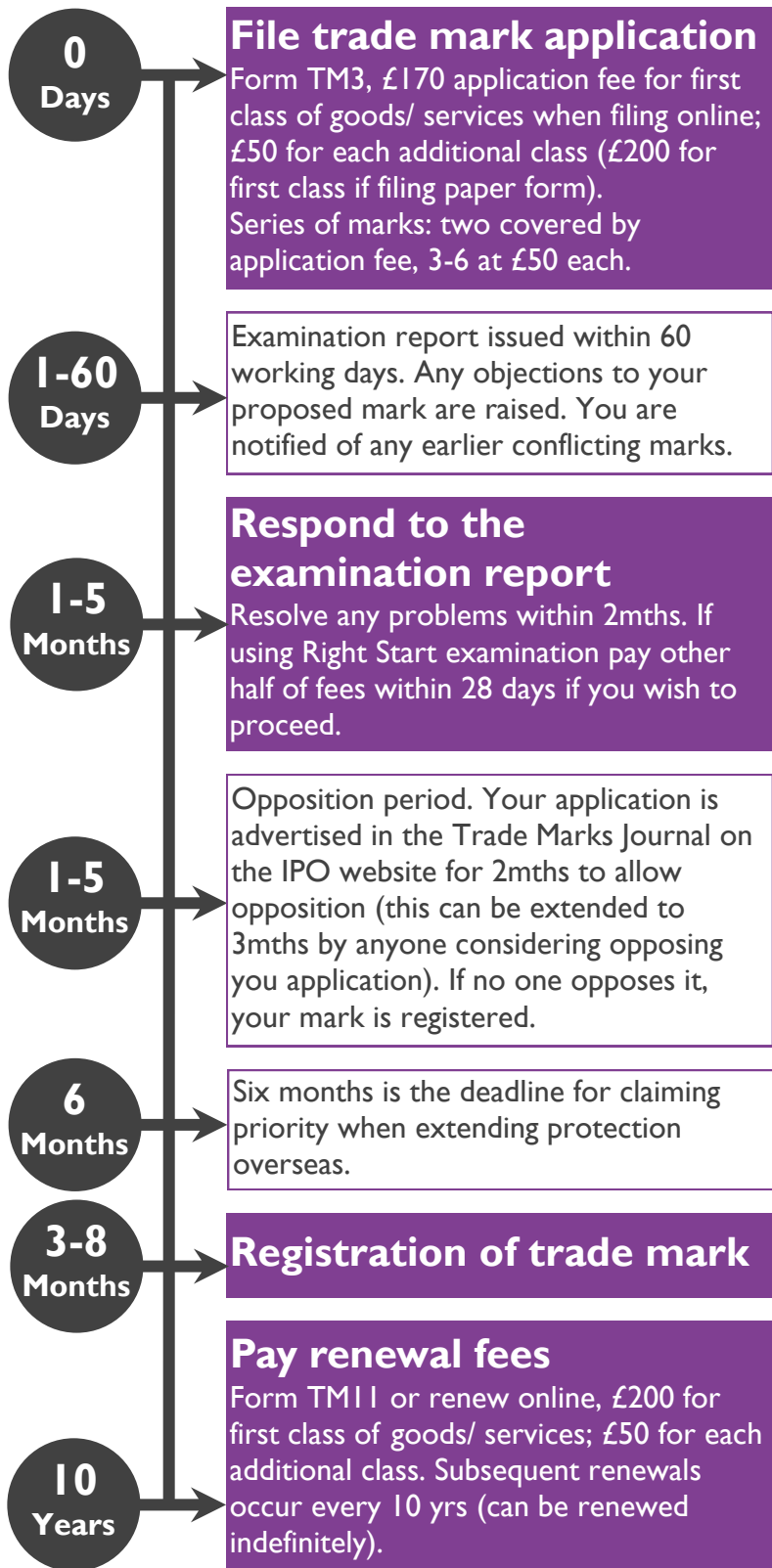


UK trade mark application timeline



Before submitting application: Ensure you have carried out a search for existing marks and have selected the right classes for your goods/services as your fee will not be refunded (you cannot make substantial alterations to your application except for correcting errors).

Right Start application: Pay half the fees now and the other half after receipt of examination report (but first goods/service class is charged at £200 in total).

Filing date: The IPO check your application meets the requirements for filing and if so the filing date is the date they received it.

Notification of opponents: You are notified in the examination report of similar marks. If you choose to proceed, the owners of UK marks on the report are notified and it is up to them to decide if they wish to raise a formal objection.

Protection overseas: An EU trade mark will protect you in all EU countries. You can apply internationally via the Madrid Protocol (to do this you must make a UK application first). You can still apply overseas after the 6mths have elapsed, but cannot claim priority.

Late renewal: You can still renew your trade mark within 6mths after the renewal date by paying an additional £50 fee.

For further information see the UK Intellectual Property Office (IPO) website:
www.gov.uk/topic/intellectual-property/trade-marks

Restoration: Within 6-12mths after the renewal date you can still apply to restore the trade mark by paying £100 in addition to the renewal fees. This is subject to approval - you must have a very good reason for not renewing on time! Use form TM13.

**Typical time to registration
is four to six months***

*May happen sooner or potentially take up to 8 months.