

Trade marks -Nice Classification

The Nice Classification System is a system for classifying goods and services for the purpose of registering trade marks. The system is in use by many trade mark offices around the world.

Classes 1-34 include goods, while classes 35-45 include services.

What is the Nice Classification used for?

Trade mark applications:

When making an application for a trade mark you will need to include details of the goods and services you wish to use your mark on.

For example, registering a trade mark in Class 15 allows exclusive use of the mark in relation to musical instruments only. If your business is focussed on musical instruments only then this may be acceptable to you.

When listing your Nice Classes during the application, we will also ask that you provide a list of the goods and services you specifically wish to use your mark on, for example Class 15 refers to musical instruments. If your business was involved in making only certain types of musical instruments, or components relating to musical instruments, then you would need to state those in the application.

It is possible to register in more than one Nice Class. The fee for a trade mark application includes registration in one Nice Class only - there is a £20 fee per additional Nice Class specified.

Trade mark searches:

When performing a trade mark search using the Online Services Portal (<u>www.greg.gg</u>), or requesting a search report, you can specify specific Nice Classes you would like results for.

For example, searching for trade marks only in Class 15 will exclude any results for the term you have entered that are not related to musical instruments. This can be useful when performing searches before making an application as you can choose to search only in the Nice Classes you intend to register in.

Finding the right Nice Classes for your application

Nice Class numbers and the corresponding goods and services are available to view on the WIPO website at the below link:

Nice Classification - list of goods and services

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