

Design name:

Designed by:

Army

Navy ships

Air Force

United Nations

Government ships

Civil & merchant ships

Civil aviation

Yacht Squadron

Police Service

Fire & Emergency

Customs Service

RSA

Cook Islands

Niue

Tokelau

Ross Dependency

Description of design:

Design name:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Designed by:	<input type="text"/>	

In an actual flag design submission form, all of the information entered into the various fields in this area would be held in strictest confidence by the Flag Design Acceptance Committee, and only the first page of this form would ever be publicly viewed, should the submitted form meet all of the required criteria for acceptance by the Committee. Designers would be allowed to submit multiple flag designs, one per fillable form. A flag design submission process should not be a nationalistic endeavour, so designers of any nationality could participate, as long as they complete their entry forms in English.

Required text-entry fields would include those for full contact information, including the name(s) of the designer(s), the full mailing address(es) of the designer(s), and the verifiable e-mail address(es) of the designer(s), as well as tick-boxes with which the designer(s) would affirm that they have read and understood the official flag design submission guidelines and the official terms and conditions for flag design submissions. For purposes of security, there might also be fields for entering the submitter's unique design submission website account number, password, or other personal identifier(s).

A tick-box might also be included for flag designers under the age of 18, along with associated text-entry fields in which they would enter name(s) and contact information for their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Another tick-box might be used to doubly-confirm an understanding by the designer(s) of the main tenet of the official terms and conditions, namely that the act of submitting the entry form signifies a legal surrender of the design copyright and of any other moral and intellectual property rights that might otherwise be associated with the design.

The form would also include 'buttons' to allow incomplete forms to be saved to the submitter's design submission website account, to allow fully completed forms to be directly submitted to the Flag Design Acceptance Committee (subject to a secondary verification safeguard), and to allow fully completed forms to be sent to a dedicated Committee e-mail address as an attachment. Although the form could be entirely completed and submitted online, it would also be downloadable for offline completion.

The members of the Flag Design Acceptance Committee would be the sole arbiters of whether submitted flag designs and entry forms meet all required entry criteria. For all but overtly frivolous or 'nuisance' submissions, they would notify submitters of either the acceptance or rejection of their designs in a 'form' e-mail message, perhaps even clarifying rejections by ticking off reasons in that message, but in no event would they be required to correspond in debates or appeals regarding their decisions.

Technical information:

This form was created using Adobe LiveCycle Designer software, which is one of the few PDF 'fillable-form' design products available that allows for 'uploadable image' fields as well as for all other standard form entry fields. The form has been further processed using Adobe Acrobat software to enable the form to be saved with its text and images when it has been downloaded to a discrete computing device and then opened and filled using free Adobe Reader software. Once the offline form has been filled it will remain interactive unless it is 'flattened' to prevent further changes, a process requiring special coding. This means that when a flag designer has submitted a form to the Flag Design Acceptance Committee, page 1 of the filled-in form cannot simply be presented on a design ratings website unless it has been flattened. However, a high quality PNG image of page 1 can be easily produced from Adobe Acrobat and then safely displayed. The actual dimensions of the pages of the fillable form are slightly larger than that of a standard A4 sheet, to accommodate particular pixel dimensions for image uploads. However, the oversizing is proportional, so that page 1 of the form can be fully printed on a single A4 page, assuming that the printer has been set to reduce the page 'to fit'.