








Icons

Full set of icons for use in Home Office services. Avoid unnecessary decoration - only use icons and images if there's a real user need ([GOV.UK guidance](#)).

Usage: internal Status: experimental Last updated: 02 January 2018















Navigation icons




Helps users navigate through a service

Icon	Label	Class name
	Home	@hod-home
	Search	@hod-search
	Login/Logout	@hod-key
	Left	@hod-arrow-left
	Down	@hod-arrow-down
	Right	@hod-arrow-right
	Up	@hod-arrow-up

Controller icons














Helps users to sort, organise or adjust the information, for example by filtering data, opening and closing modals or revealing additional content

Icon	Label	Class name
	Zoom in	@hod-search-plus
	Zoom out	@hod-search-minus
	Left, Back	@hod-chevron-left
	Right, Continue	@hod-chevron-right
	Up, Close	@hod-chevron-up
	Down, Expand	@hod-chevron-down
	Add, Open	@hod-plus
	Minus, Close	@hod-minus
	Approved, Correct, Confirm	@hod-checkmark
	Close, Delete, Remove	@hod-cross
	Play	@hod-play
	Pause	@hod-pause
	Stop	@hod-stop
	Fast forward	@hod-fast-forward-button

	Rewind	@hod-rewind-button
	Skip back	@hod-skip-back
	Skip forward	@hod-skip-forward

Quick reference icons

Helps users to understand options and context

Icon	Label	Class name
	Email	@hod-close-envelope
	Download	@hod-download-button
	Location	@hod-map-marker
	Settings	@hod-cog
	Call	@hod-phone
	File, Document	@hod-file-empty
	Time	@hod-clock
	Calendar, Date	@hod-calendar
	Print	@hod-printer
	Warning, Alert	@hod-warning
	Info, Information	@hod-circle
	Info, information	@hod-info-blue
	Loading	@hod-spinner

Using the icons

In the prototyping kit

Download for prototyping kit

1. Unzip the [download](#) and move the kit-icons folder into app > assets.
2. Go to app > views > includes > head.html and link to the new icons.css file

```
<link href="/public/kit-icons/icons.css" media="screen"
rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
```

3. Add this code to app > assets > sass > application.scss to help with sizing and spacing.

```
.side-space {
  margin-right: .5em;
}
.icon-medium {
  font-size: 24px;
  &:before {
    vertical-align: bottom;
    padding-bottom: 1em;
  }
}
.icon-small {
  font-size: 18px;
  &:before {
    vertical-align: middle;
    padding-bottom: 1em;
  }
}
```

4. On a page add this code and change the class name to the icon you want

```
<span class="hod-printer side-space icon-medium"></span>
```

In Sketch

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1. Unzip the [download](#). It contains SVG and PNG versions of each icon.
2. Insert them into Sketch or your preferred graphics software.

When to use icons

Icons can be used sparingly on frequent-use services. They are helpful at drawing users attention to actions. They also increase a users ability to scan a page and navigate a service.

How to use icons

- The minimum icon size is 16px. If an icon is part of a button the hit area should be 36px.
- The icon shouldn't change colour in hover/active/focus states, only the background.
- Every icon should use a visible and audible label to avoid confusion over what it represents. And use `aria-hidden="true"`.
- Align the icon in a central position in relation to any type. Content can sit either side.
- Make sure icon colour combinations meets the minimum [WCAG 2.0 AA colour contrast check](#).

User research

Users interpret icons differently so shouldn't be used without a label.

Don't use generic icons for specific labels, for example the calendar icon for a date of birth.

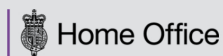
Services using this pattern

- Application platform
- Entities

Get in touch

If you've got a question or suggestion share it on Slack [#interaction-designers channel](#) or on [GitHub](#).

[Version 1.4](#) of the Home Office design system.



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