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How to think like a patent examiner

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Learning outcomes

At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Understand the role of a patent examiner.
- Understand the responsibilities of an examiner in the examination of a patent application.
- Recognize what a patent examiner can and cannot do.



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Role of patent examiner

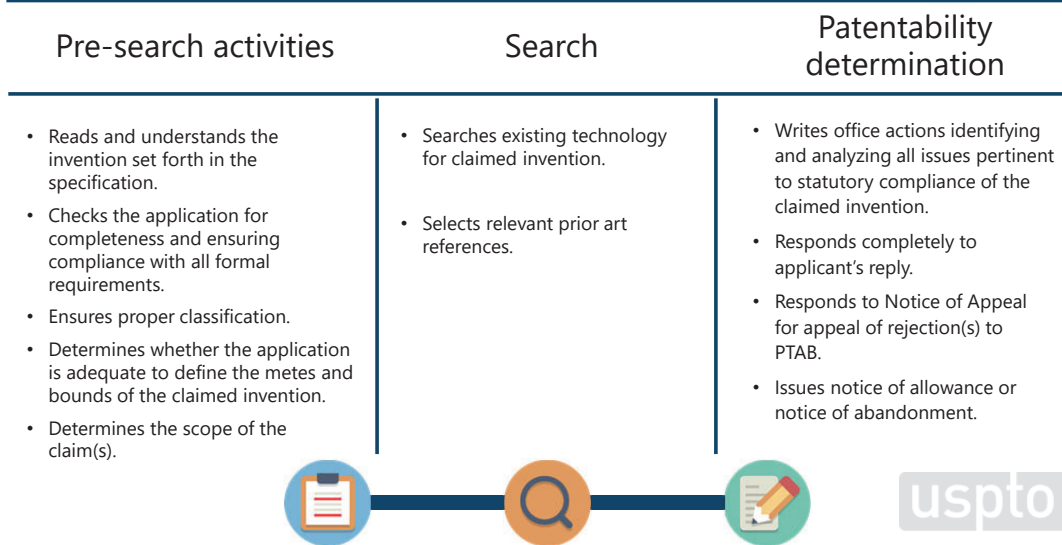
- To serve as advocate/protector of the public interest with respect to intellectual property.
- To provide direct service and assistance to customers from inside and outside the USPTO.
- To evaluate patentability with respect to invention(s) claimed in a patent application under the conditions for patentability set forth in Title 35 of the United States Code.



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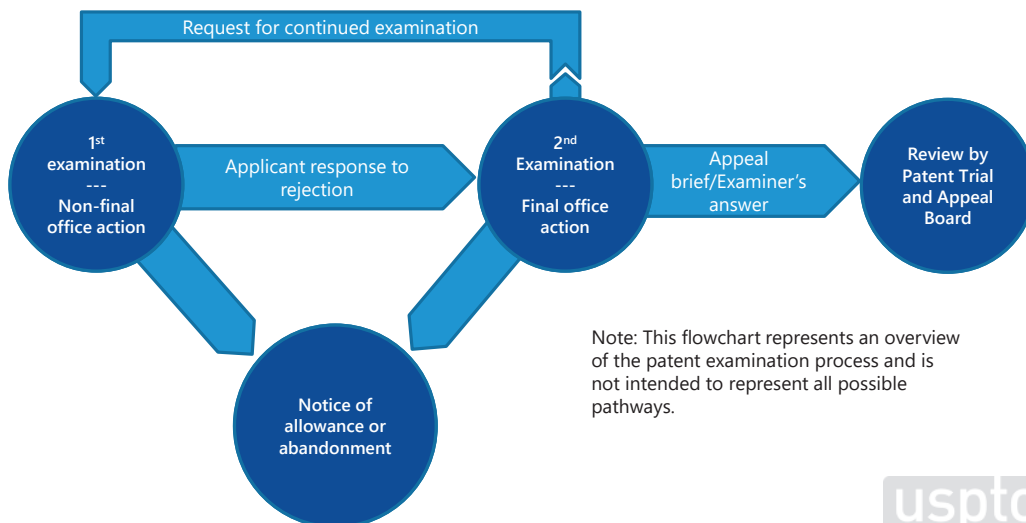
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Patent examiner responsibilities



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Overview of patent examination process



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