

Business Methods

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- USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR)
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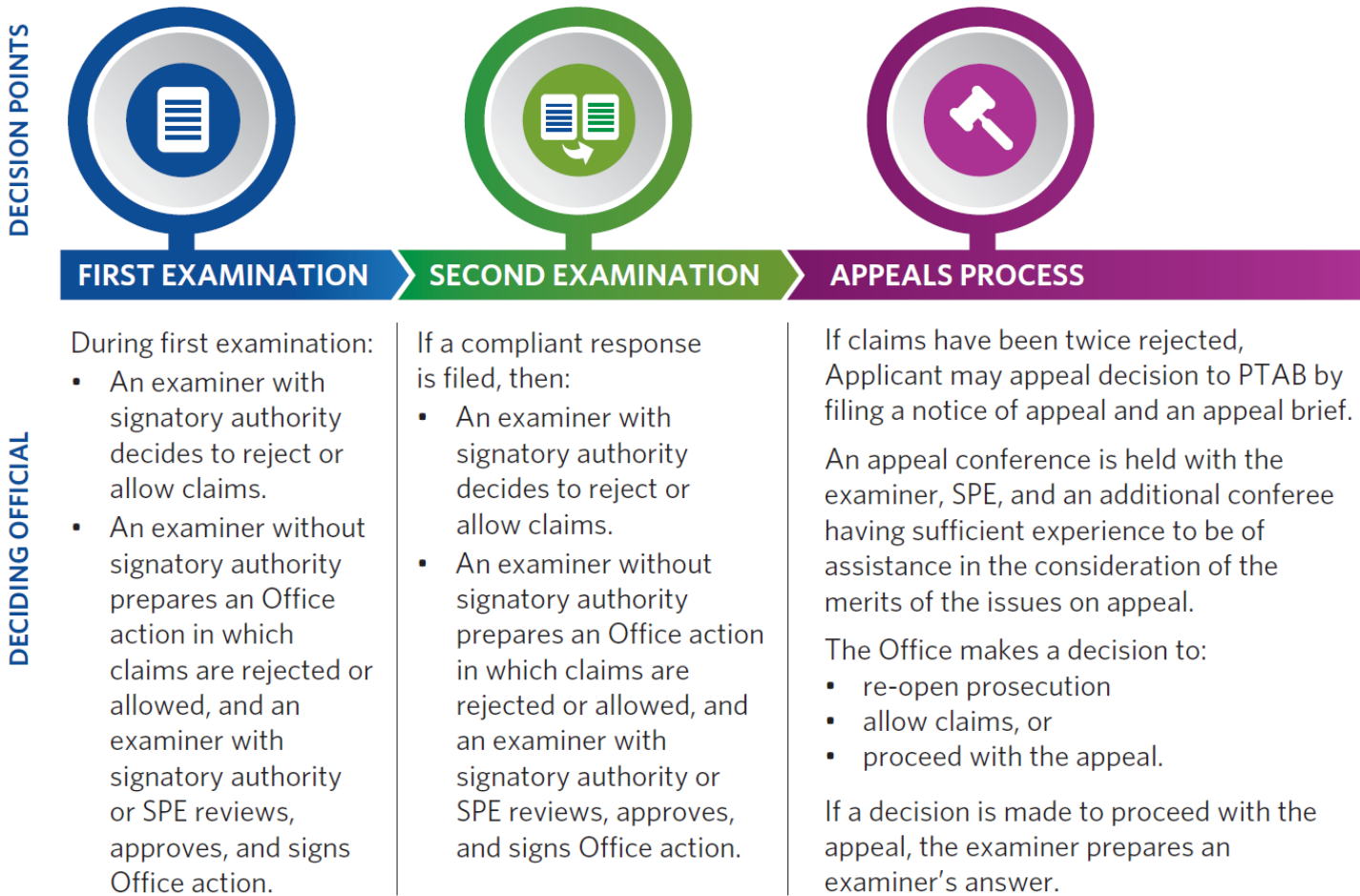
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- The Business Methods web page demo:
<https://www.uspto.gov/businessmethods>



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Examiner Decision Making Process





Helpful Tools

- 35 U.S.C. 101 Eligibility Quick Reference Sheet demo:
<https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ieg-qrs.pdf>
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Helpful Tools

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