



Reexaminations - FY 2026

	Quarter 1 (Oct-Dec)	Quarter 2 (Jan-Mar)	Quarter 3 (Apr-Jun)	Quarter 4 (Jul-Sep)
Pending Reexaminations includes Ex Parte, Inter Partes, and Supplemental Examination Requests				
Processing (prior to assignment to the Examiner)	65	472	26	
Awaiting Order/Denial	163	168	200	
Between Order and First Action on the Merits	154	257	258	
Between FAOM and NIRC	439	526	767	
Between NIRC and Publication of Certificate	65	60	121	
Total	886	1483	1372	

Volume of Proceedings *

	YTD Through Quarter 1	YTD Through Quarter 2	YTD Through Quarter 3	YTD Through Quarter 4
Filings (Ex Parte, Inter Partes, and Supplemental Examination Requests granted a filing date)	292	550	847	
Ex Parte (EP)	279	534	831	
Inter Partes (IP)	NA	NA	NA	
Supplemental Examinations (SE)	13	16	16	
Supplemental Examinations Substantial New Question of Patentability (SNQ) Determination	2	12	17	
SE SNQ-Yes	0	4	8	
SE SNQ-No	2	8	9	
Orders Granting Reexamination	167	454	671	
EP Orders	166	450	666	
IP Orders	NA	NA	NA	
SE Orders under 35 USC 257	1	4	5	
Denials	10	13	54	
EP Denials	10	13	54	
IP Denials	NA	NA	NA	
First Action on the Merits (FAOM)	79	195	383	
EP FAOMs	78	194	379	
IP FAOMs	NA	NA	NA	
SE FAOMs pursuant to 35 USC 257	1	1	4	
Notices of Intent to Issue a Reexamination Certificate (NIRC)	84	184	314	
EP NIRCs	83	180	310	
IP NIRCs	0	0	0	
SE NIRCs under 35 USC 257	1	4	4	
Reexamination Certificates	90	182	251	
EP Certificates	89	178	247	
IP Certificates	0	0	0	
SE Certificates pursuant to 35 USC 257	1	4	4	

Timing of Proceedings

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Average Months from Filing to SE Determination	1.00	1.60	1.40	
Average Months to SE SNQ-Yes	NA	2.25	1.50	
Average Months to SE SNQ-No	1.00	1.17	1.00	
Average Months from Filing to Order	1.87	1.96	1.96	
Average Months to EP Order	1.87	1.96	1.96	
Average Months to IP Order	NA	NA	NA	
Average Months to SE Order pursuant to 35 USC 257	2.00	2.33	1.00	
Average Months from Filing to Denial	1.75	1.67	2.06	
Average Months to EP Denial	1.75	1.67	2.06	
Average Months to IP Denial	NA	NA	NA	
Average Months from Filing to FAOM	6.86	6.59	6.33	
Average Months to EP FAOM	6.91	6.59	6.37	
Average Months to IP FAOM	NA	NA	NA	
Average Months to SE FAOM pursuant to 35 USC 257	3.00	NA	3.67	
Average Months from Filing to NIRC	16.88	14.31	13.11	
Average Months to EP NIRC	17.04	14.72	13.11	
Average Months to IP NIRC	NA	NA	NA	
Average Months to SE NIRC pursuant to 35 USC 257	4.00	1.00	NA	
Average Months from Filing to Reexam Certificate	21.03	19.54	18.20	
Average Months to EP Certificate	21.24	19.85	18.20	
Average Months to IP Certificate	NA	NA	NA	
Average Months to SE Certificate pursuant to 35 USC 257	3.00	10.30	NA	

Notes:

- 1 Source: Filings from ex parte, inter partes and supplemental historical statistics.
- 2 Supplemental filings include only the SE request which received a filing date. SE NIRC only occur where SNQ-Yes was found.
- 3 Pendency, First Action, NIRC ("Notice of Intent to Issue a Reexamination Certificate") and Certificate date from PALM.
- 4 Inter Partes reexaminations were no longer available after Sept. 16, 2012
- 5 This data is recorded by reexamination control number. Where proceedings are merged, the merged proceeding will appear as multiple instances. For this reason the certificate count will not match the number of individual reexamination certificates published in the Office Gazette.
- 6 NIRCs mailed at the end of one month will necessarily publish with a certificate the next month (or later), the average time to RX certificate may be more or less than the time to RX NIRC for any particular time period measured
- 7 Numbers may not match PAR report because this report shows actions mailed in time period and PAR shows filed requests and actions on those.
- 8 a typographical error has been corrected in the reference the statute 35 USC 257.
- 9 The last section has been updated to clarify that these numbers reference Reexamination Certificates