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(November 2013)
- [Changes to Permit Delayed Submission of Certain Requirements for Prioritized Examination Interim Rule \(79 Fed. Reg. 12386, March 5, 2014\) \(http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-03-05/pdf/2014-04806.pdf\)](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-03-05/pdf/2014-04806.pdf)
- [Prioritized Examination \(Track One\) Final Rule \(76 Fed. Reg. 59050, September 23, 2011\) \(/sites/default/files/patents/init\\_events/track1-aia.pdf\)](/sites/default/files/patents/init_events/track1-aia.pdf)
- [Prioritized Examination \(RCE\) Final Rule \(76 Fed. Reg. 78566, December 19, 2011\) \(http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-19/html/2011-32434.htm\)](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-19/html/2011-32434.htm)
- [Prioritized Examination Frequently Asked Questions \(https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Track\\_1\\_Prioritized\\_Exam\\_FAQ\\_20170925.pdf\)](https://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Track_1_Prioritized_Exam_FAQ_20170925.pdf)
- [Prioritized Examination Increase in Annual Limit to 12,000 Accepted Requests Interim Rule \(84 Fed. Reg. 45907, September 3, 2019\) \(https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/09/03/2019-18994/increase-of-the-annual-limit-on-accepted-requests-for-track-i-prioritized-examination\)](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/09/03/2019-18994/increase-of-the-annual-limit-on-accepted-requests-for-track-i-prioritized-examination)
- [2021 Increase of the Annual Limit on Accepted Requests for Track One Prioritized Examination \(86 Fed. Reg. 52988, September 24, 2021\) \(https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-09-24/pdf/2021-20530.pdf\)](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-09-24/pdf/2021-20530.pdf)



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