

Post Grant Pilot – FAQs

- Q1.** What is the goal of the Post Grant Pilot?
- A1.** The Post Grant Pilot aims to notify examiners when they have an application related to an issued patent undergoing an AIA trial proceeding at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. AIA trial proceedings contain prior art and arguments that can be highly relevant to the patentability determination of a related application. Making examiners aware of these proceedings will enhance the quality of patentability determinations in related applications.
- Q2.** What are AIA trial proceedings?
- A2.** For more information about AIA trial proceedings, please visit the [PTAB AIA Trial site](#).
- Q3.** How do I access the contents of AIA trial proceedings?
- A3.** AIA trial proceedings are accessed using the [Patent Review Processing System \(PRPS\)](#).
- Q4.** I entered an application number in the PTAB Patent Review Processing System (PRPS) and nothing happened.
- A4.** When retrieving AIA trial proceedings in PRPS, be sure to enter the application number or patent number of the issued patent that is undergoing the AIA trial. Do not enter the application number of the pending child application related to the issued patent.
- Q5.** How will I know if I am selected for this Pilot?
- A5.** Pilot participants will be selected if their docket includes at least one application that is related to an issued patent involved in an AIA trial proceeding. The invitation to participate in the Pilot will be by way of an email from the Post Grant Outcomes Team.

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- Q6.** If I don't have a case related to an AIA trial proceeding, how can I participate in the Pilot?
- A6.** You can visit the please visit the [PTAB AIA Trial site](#) to learn more about AIA trial proceedings.
- Q7.** Is non-production time available for participating in the Pilot?
- A7.** One hour of non-production time is available for Pilot participants, who are examining related child applications, upon completion of a brief training module and survey.
- Q8.** Will the Post Grant Outcomes Program expand beyond AIA trial proceedings?
- A8.** Reissue and Reexamination proceedings also contain prior art and arguments that can be highly relevant to the patentability determination of a related application and are a logical extension of this Pilot. However, any future expansion of the Post Grant Outcomes Program is still to be determined.
- Q9.** Who can I contact for more information about the Post Grant Pilot?
- A9.** Email PostGrantOutcomes@uspto.gov