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## new uspto guidelines for electronic filings and specimens

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On February 15, 2020, the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) new rules will go into effect (**84 Fed. Reg. 37081**) requiring applicants, registrants, and parties to a proceeding before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) to provide their own email address to receive USPTO correspondence, and file all trademark submissions electronically using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS), with limited exceptions. In addition, the new rule amends the requirements for specimens in accordance with the Trademark Act and precedential case law.

### **Requirement to Provide Applicant, Registrant and Party Email Address**

As of February 15, 2020, applicants, registrants, and parties to a proceeding before the TTAB, will be required to provide and maintain their own valid email address for receipt of correspondence from the USPTO. This requirement is in addition to the attorney address that is already required. The applicant's, registrant's, or party's email address will be publicly displayed along with other contact information already available in the USPTO's public database.

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