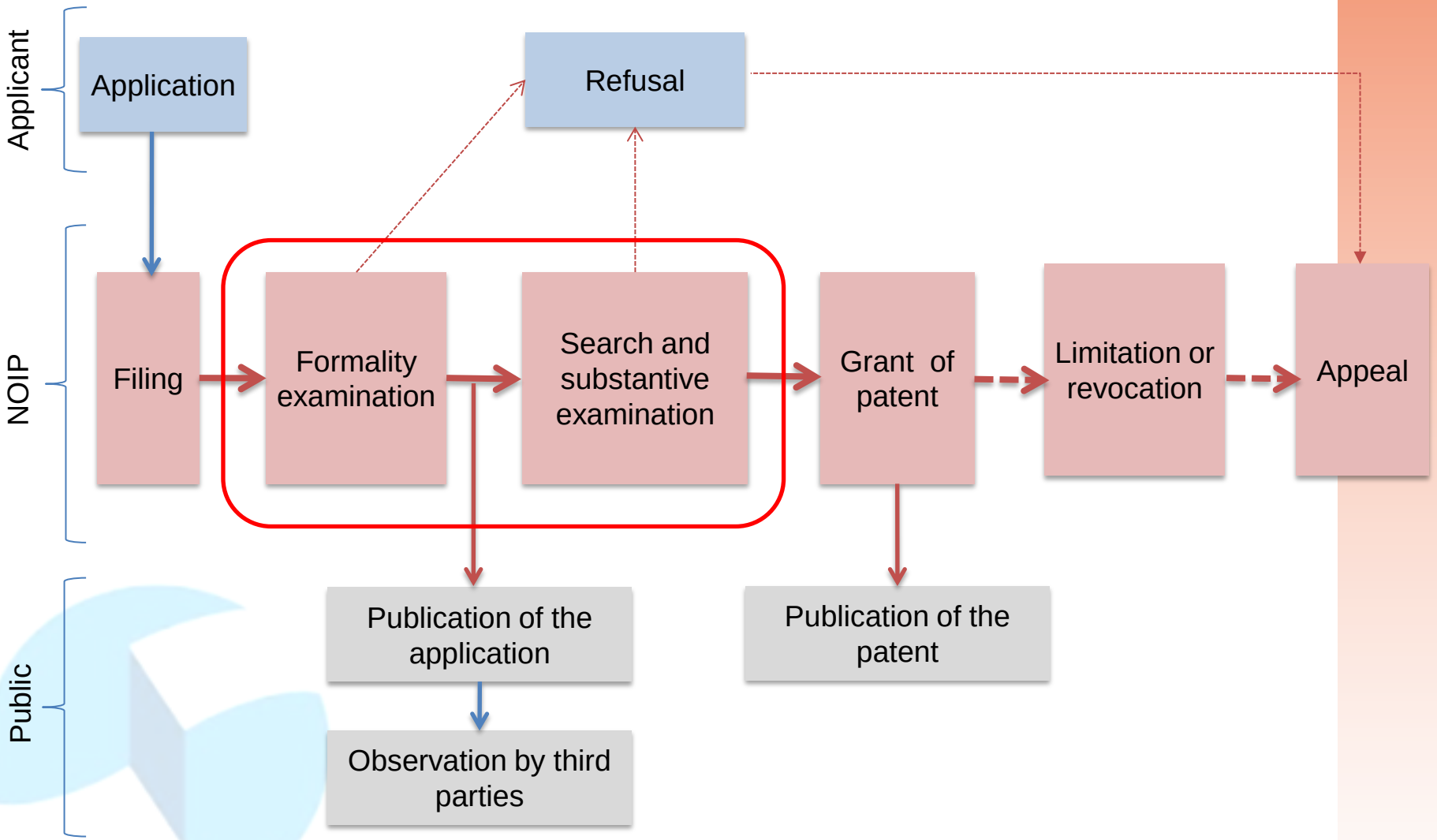
PATENT EXAMINATION QUALITY MANAGEMENT AT NOIP

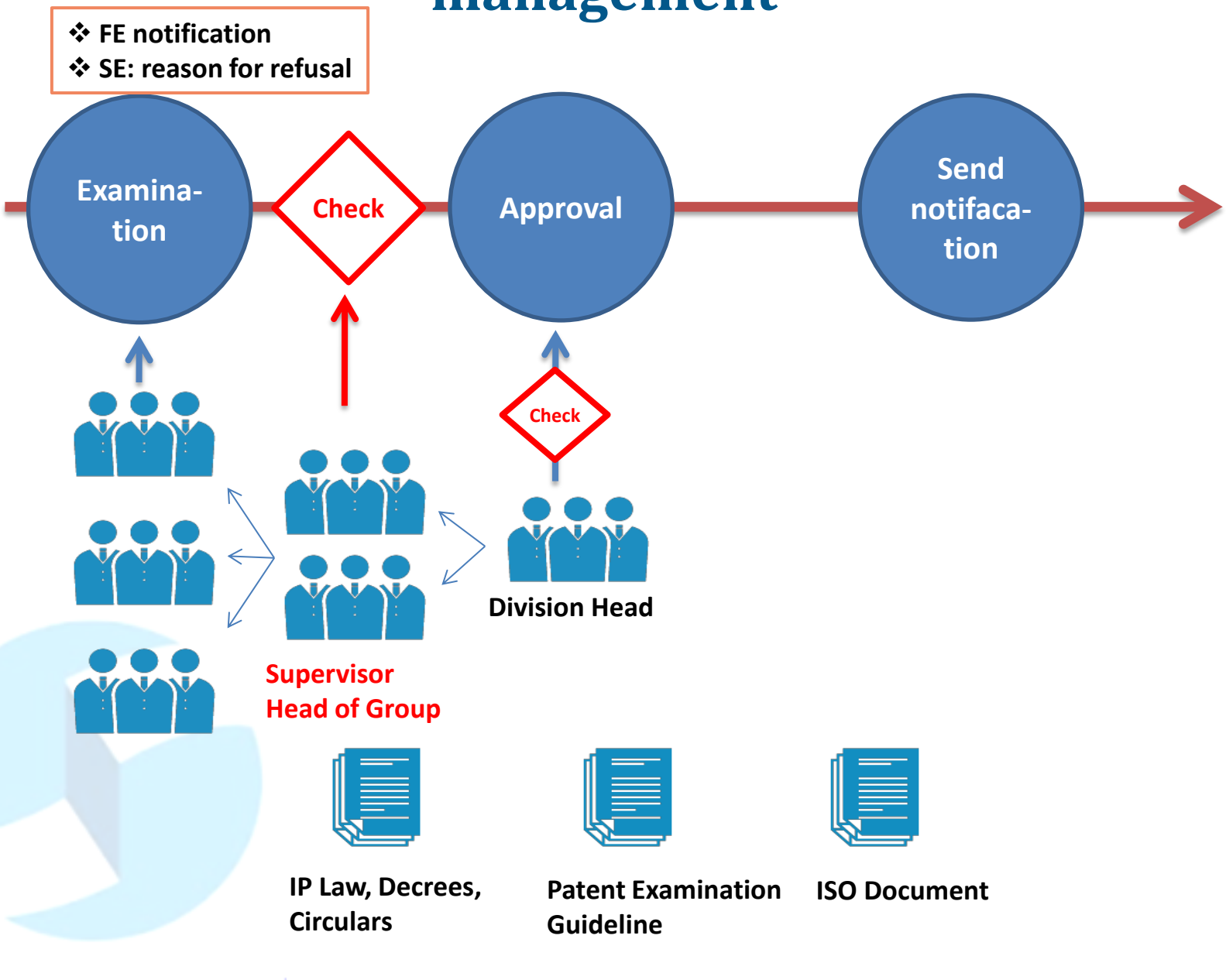
Outline

- Relation to examination workflow;
- Persons responsible for managing examination quality;
- Documents to be used for managing examination quality.

Grant procedure

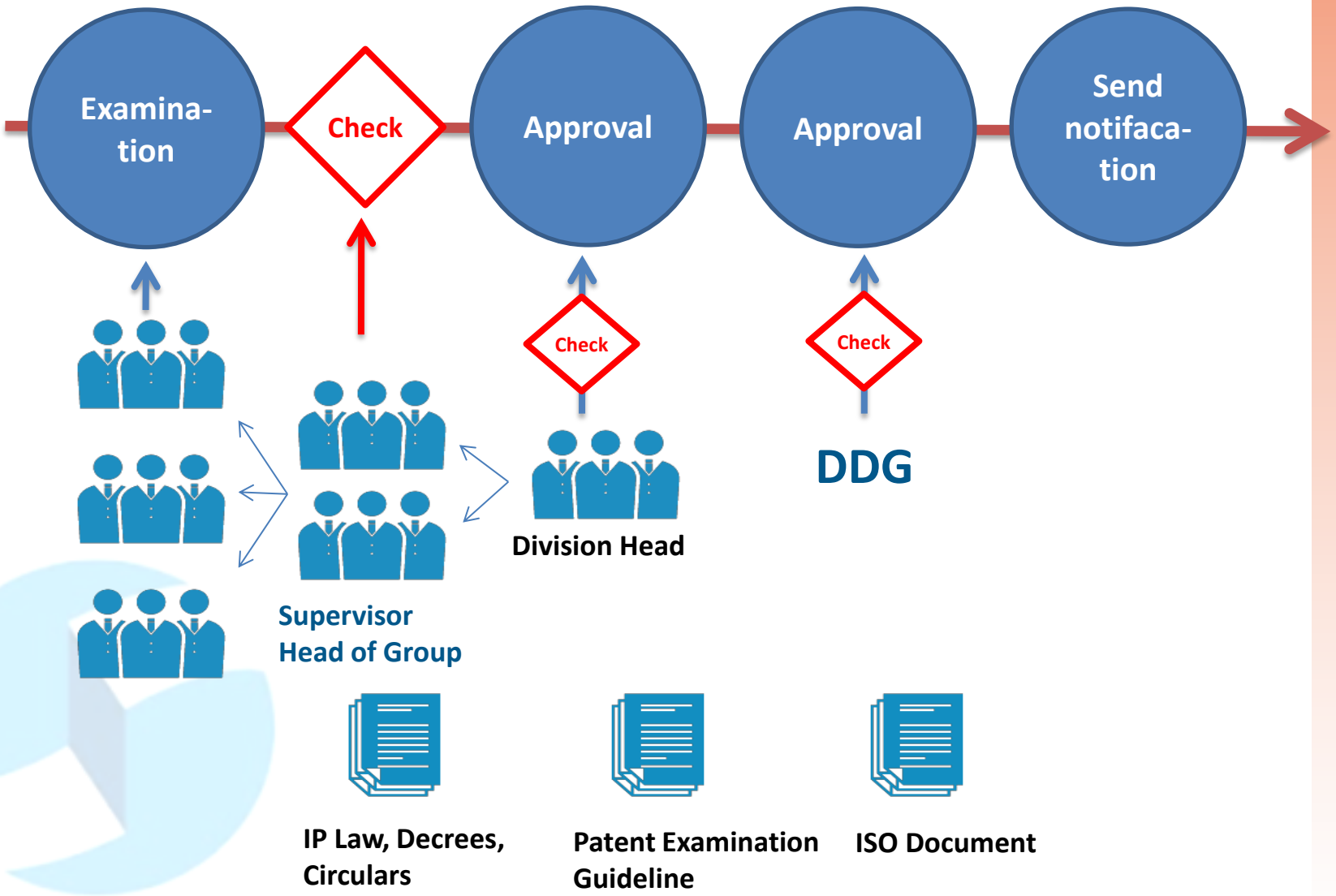


Workflow of patent examinations and quality management



Workflow of patent examinations and quality management

❖ SE final action: grant, reject



Workflow of patent examinations and quality management

- Head of group/supervisor:
  - Check every work product
  - FE: required documents; deadlines to submit documents; national phase entry of PCT application; ...
  - SE: technical concepts to be searched; formulation of search query; decisions complying with Law, Regulations; notifications easy to understand; form of notification; ...

Workflow of patent examinations and quality management

- Division heads and DDG:
  - Focus on legal points: the compliance with Law and Regulations;
  - Sometimes give comment on search results;

Persons responsible for managing examination quality

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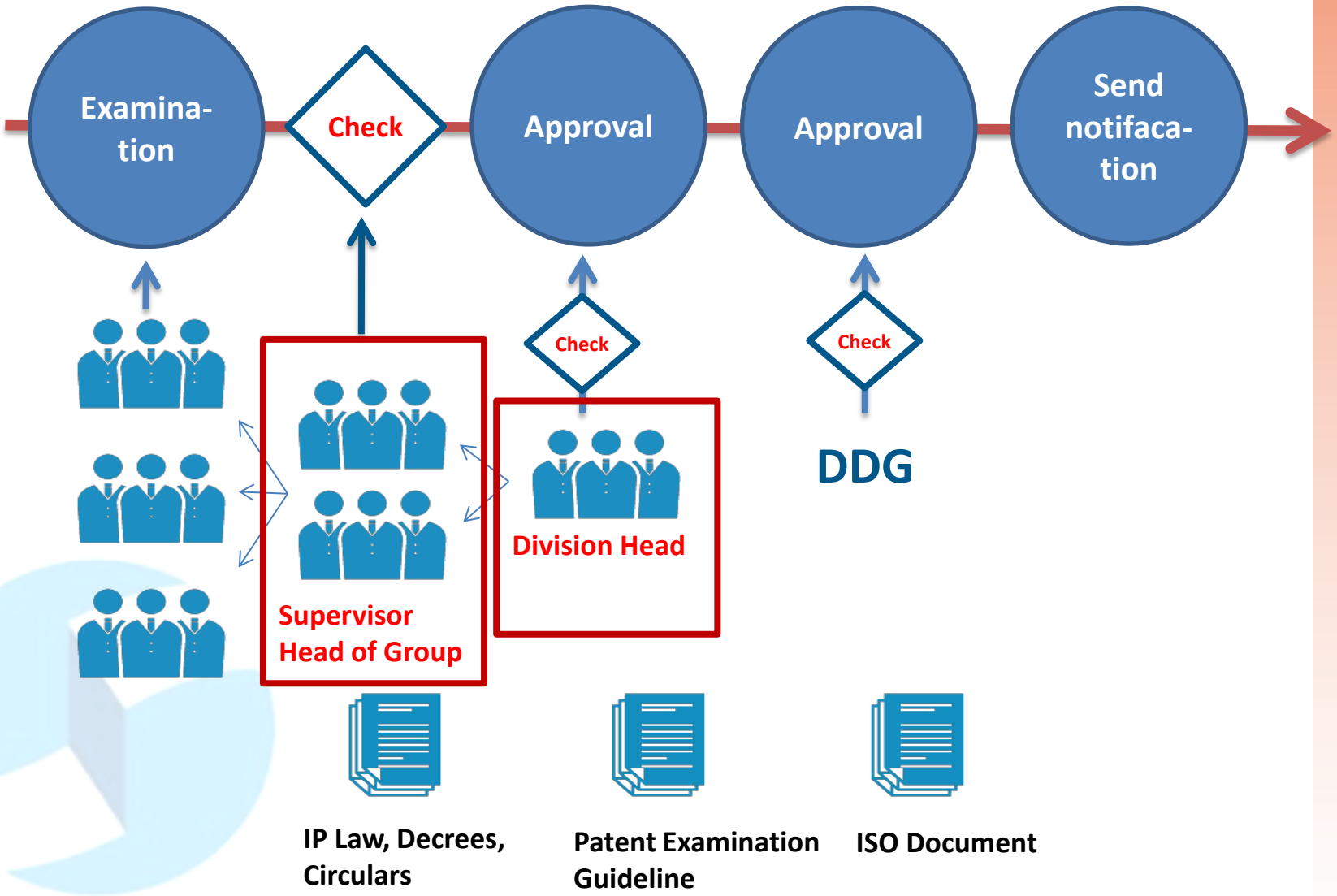

Persons responsible for managing examination quality

- Supervisor:
  - Five year experience as an examiner
  - Good knowledge and performance in at least 3 recent years
- Head of group:
  - Three year experience as a supervisor
  - Good knowledge and performance
- Division head:
  - Generally more than 10 year experience in examination division
  - Involved in drafting legislative documents
- The Office provides trainings to improve knowledge and skills: administration, English, ... but no specific training on examination quality management.

Documents to be used for managing examination quality

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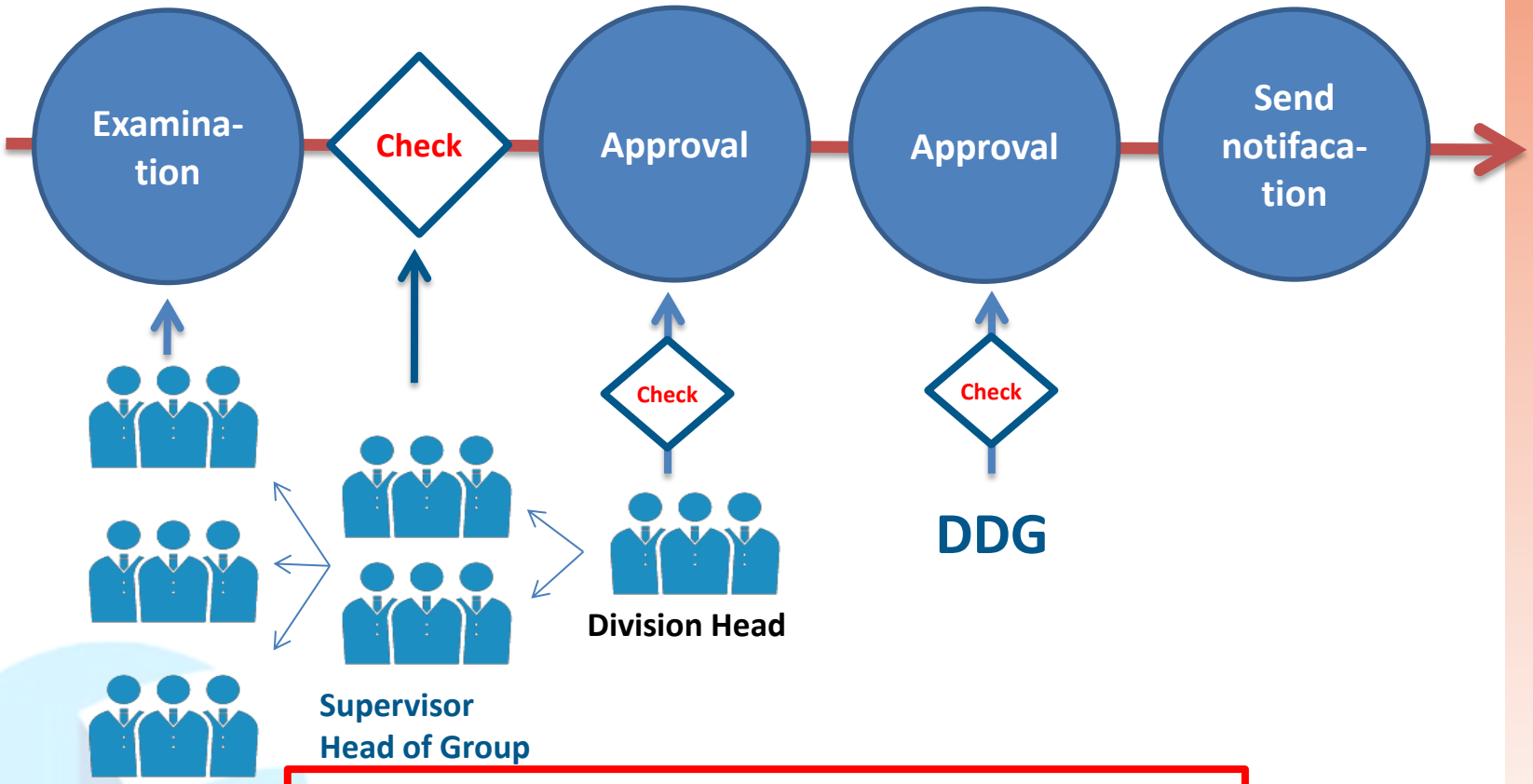

IP Law, Decrees, Circulars

Patent Examination Guideline

ISO Document

Documents to be used for managing examination quality

- The requirements and instructions specified in legislative documents and patent examination guideline
- ISO documents only deal with the procedure, timeline matters
- Lack of specific guidance for persons responsible for managing examination quality

Thank you for attention!

Any question?