National Certification Scheme

Institutions with certified ethics review processes

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The NHMRC National Certification Scheme of Institutional Processes Related to the Ethical Review of Multi-centre Research (National Certification Scheme) reviews ethics review processes of institutions to ensure that they can facilitate single ethics review and that they meet the requirements of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (National Statement). NHMRC has assessed and certified the ethics review processes of the institutions listed in this document. Continuous certification is subject to ongoing compliance with the National Statement and fulfilment of other relevant requirements as set out in the Certification Handbook.

Prior to submitting a research application to any of these institutions, please contact the relevant institution regarding their readiness to conduct single ethics review of multi-centre research studies and the processes to be followed. These will vary at both institutional and jurisdictional levels.

Advice received from a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) undertaking single ethics review will not replace the need for local decision-making on matters of research governance. Final authorisation will occur through institutional or jurisdictional research governance processes.

National Mutual Acceptance Scheme

In 2013, the Victorian, South Australian and Queensland Departments of Health, and the New South Wales Ministry of Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) of ethics and scientific review of clinical trials conducted in each of the participating jurisdiction’s public health organisations. In December 2015, the scope of NMA was expanded beyond clinical trials to include all human research. In August 2016, the Australian Capital Territory joined the NMA and Western Australia joined in August 2017.

In order for ethics reviews of human research to be accepted under NMA, the HREC conducting the review must be certified under the NHMRC National Certification Scheme, and also be a Certified Reviewing HREC under the NMA scheme. Please note that each of the participating jurisdictions may use their own online platform for submitting ethics and site-specific assessment applications.
Further information on the NMA, including a list of NMA Certified Reviewing HRECs and procedures for submitting ethics applications to these HRECs, can be found at:


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1. Australian Capital Territory
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ACT Health Directorate

HREC: ACT Health Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00100)

Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative health research
- Mental health
- Justice health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - please see the ACT Health HREC’s website for details on the research types included in this category

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution

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Cancer Institute NSW

HREC: NSW Population and Health Services Research Ethics Committee (EC00410)
Website: www.cancerinstitute.org.au/Data-research/Research-ethics-committee
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020
Certification category:
- Population health and/or public health
- Other¹:
  - data linkage

Charles Sturt University

HREC: Charles Sturt University Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00116)
Website: www.csu.edu.au/research/ethics_safety/human
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Justice health
- Paediatric studies - child speech pathology
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - rural health

Hunter New England Local Health District

HREC: Hunter New England Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00403)
Website: www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/ethics/Pages/Research-Ethics-and-Governance-Unit.aspx
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution.
Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District  
**HREC:** Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District HREC (EC00151)  
**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric and adolescent medicine research
- Other health and medical research\(^1\):
  - laboratory research on human specimens
  - pregnant women research
  - pregnant women and human foetus research
  - retrospective/prospective audit/QA projects
  - survey research; retrospective/prospective research

Northern Sydney Local Health District  
**HREC:** Northern Sydney Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00112)  
**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research

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\(^1\)The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution.
St Vincent’s Hospital Sydney Limited

**HREC:** St Vincent’s Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00140)

**Website:** [www.svhs.org.au/research-education/research-office](http://www.svhs.org.au/research-education/research-office)

**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Mental health

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

**HREC:** South Eastern Sydney Local Health District HREC (EC00134)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - reproductive health research

South Western Sydney Local Health District

**HREC:** South Western Sydney Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00136)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase II, III
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other¹:
  - clinical research
  - research involving culturally diverse populations

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
Sydney Local Health District (Concord Repatriation General Hospital)

HREC: Sydney Local Health District HREC
– Concord Repatriation General Hospital (EC00118)

Website: www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/concord/ethics/

Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - human tissue-based research
  - observational research
  - audit and quality assurance
  - physiotherapy (including human movement)
  - nutrition and dietetics
  - drug and alcohol

Sydney Local Health District (RPAH)

HREC: Sydney Local Health District Ethics Review Committee (RPAH Zone) (EC00113)

Website: www.slhd.nsw.gov.au/rpa/research/

Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - dental research

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
The Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network

**HREC:** Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00130)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Clinical non-interventional research
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - paediatric research involving human tissue samples

The University of New South Wales

**HREC:** The University of New South Wales Committees A (EC00397) and B (EC00142)

**Website:** [https://research.unsw.edu.au/recs/human-research-ethics-home](https://research.unsw.edu.au/recs/human-research-ethics-home)

**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - psychological research
- Other human research (not health and medical)¹:
  - social research

University of Wollongong

**HREC:** Joint University of Wollongong and Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Health and Medical Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00150)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - diet and nutritional research (exercise/human movement)

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
Western Sydney Local Health District

**HREC:** Western Sydney Local Health District Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00152)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - Laboratory studies
- Other human research¹:
  - Quality assurance research
  - Audit studies
  - Registry studies
  - Observational studies

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
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Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

HREC: Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00175)
Website: www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/research/human-research-ethics-committee/
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Paediatric clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Paediatric clinical trials drugs and devices
- Paediatric clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Paediatric population health and/or public health
- Paediatric qualitative research
- Paediatric mental health
- Paediatric justice health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - paediatric research with adult component

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service

HREC: Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00182)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase III, IV
- Clinical trials devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - rural and/or remote health research

Mater Misericordiae Ltd

HREC: Mater Misericordiae Ltd Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00332)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional studies other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative health research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution

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Metro South Hospital and Health Service

HREC: Metro South Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00167)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - allied health research
  - drug and alcohol research
  - health science
  - nutrition and dietetics

QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

HREC: Queensland Institute of Medical Research - Berghofer Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00278)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - laboratory research using human tissue samples

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital

HREC: Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00172)


Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research:
  - health services
  - molecular biology

The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service

HREC: The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00160)


Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III
- Clinical trials devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Qualitative research
- Mental health

The Prince Charles Hospital, Metro North Hospital and Health Service

HREC: The Prince Charles Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00168)


Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research:
  - community health
  - drug and alcohol research
  - nursing research
  - sexual health and HIV research

1The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
Townsville Hospital and Health Service

**HREC:** Townsville Hospital and Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee
(EOO183)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Justice health
- Children and young people
- People highly dependent on medical care who may be unable to give consent
- Women who are pregnant and the human fetus
- People in dependent or unequal relationships
- People with a cognitive impairment, an intellectual disability, or a mental illness
- People who may be involved in illegal activities
- Other health and medical research\(^1\)
  - Please contact the HREC for details on the research types included in this category
- Other human research (not health and medical)\(^1\)
  - Please contact the HREC for details on the research types included in this category

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\(^1\)The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
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Bellberry Limited

**HREC:** Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committees A (EC00372), B (EC00419), C (EC00430), D (EC00444), E (EC00450), F (EC00455), G (EC00458), H (EC00459), I(EC00468), J(EC00469), K(EC00470) and L (EC00471)

**Website:** [www.bellberry.com.au](http://www.bellberry.com.au)

**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Qualitative research
- Population health and/or public health
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Other health and medical research:
  - registers and audits

Central Adelaide Local Health Network Incorporated

**HREC:** Central Adelaide Local Health Network HREC (EC00192)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health

South Australian Department for Health and Wellbeing

**HREC:** SA Department for Health and Wellbeing Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00304)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research:
  - data linkage research

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1The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution.
Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Inc.
through the Flinders Medical Centre

**HREC:** Southern Adelaide Clinical Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00188)

**Website:** [https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/health+and+medical+research/salhn+research/undertaking+research/southern+adelaide+clinical+human+research+ethics+committee](https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/about+us/health+and+medical+research/salhn+research/undertaking+research/southern+adelaide+clinical+human+research+ethics+committee)

**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - palliative care
  - oncology
  - intensive care

**Women’s and Children’s Health Network**

**HREC:** Women’s and Children’s Health Network Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00197)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - women's health
  - genetic studies
  - oncology
  - tissue banking

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
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Alfred Health

HREC: Alfred Hospital Ethics Committee (EC00315)
Website: [www.alfredhealth.org.au/research/ethics-research-governance](http://www.alfredhealth.org.au/research/ethics-research-governance)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Justice health

Austin Health

HREC: Austin Health Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00204)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Mental health

Barwon Health

HREC: Barwon Health HREC (EC00208)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population and/or public health
- Qualitative health research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other¹:
  - low risk – including data requests

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
Eastern Health

**HREC:** Eastern Health Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00211)

**Website:** [www.easternhealth.org.au/site/item/34-research-ethics](http://www.easternhealth.org.au/site/item/34-research-ethics)

**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative health research
- Mental health
- Other¹:
  - alcohol and drug research
  - registry studies

Melbourne Health

**HREC:** Melbourne Health Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00243)

**Website:** [www.thermh.org.au/research/researchers/ethics](http://www.thermh.org.au/research/researchers/ethics)

**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - basic research
  - epidemiological research
  - health service improvements
  - observational studies

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
Monash Health

HREC: Monash Health Human Research Ethics Committee A (EC00382)
Website: www.monashhealth.org/page/Human_research_ethics
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Mental health
- Paediatric research

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

HREC: Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Ethics Committee (EC00235)
Website: www.petermac.org/research/doing-research-us/ethics-governance
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials

St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne Limited

HREC: St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00343)
Website: https://svhm.org.au/home/research/researchers/human-research-ethics-committee
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research\(^1\):
  - quantitative
  - laboratory research
  - collection of human samples
  - registry/Databank
  - biobank

\(^1\)The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

HREC: The Royal Children's Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00238)
Website: www.rch.org.au/ethics/
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - databases and registries research

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
Western Australia (back to list ↑)

St John of God Health Care

HREC: St John of God Health Care Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00286)
Website: http://sjog.org.au/research/human-research-ethics-committee/submitting-an-application
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase 0, I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical trials surgery
- Clinical trials other
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - genetic, pathology/biobank studies

Sir Charles Gairdner and Osborne Park Health Care Group

HREC: Sir Charles Gairdner and Osborne Park Health Care Group Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00271)
Website: www.scgh.health.wa.gov.au/Research/ApprovalInformation.html
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research

South Metropolitan Health Service

HREC: South Metropolitan Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00265)
Certification period: Continuous from 1 July 2020

Certification categories:
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - observational non-clinical research

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution
The Child and Adolescent Health Service

**HREC:** Child and Adolescent Health Service Human Research Ethics Committee (EC00268)


**Certification period:** Continuous from 1 July 2020

**Certification categories:**
- Clinical trials phase I, II, III, IV
- Clinical trials drugs and devices
- Clinical interventional research other than clinical trials
- Population health and/or public health
- Qualitative research
- Mental health
- Paediatric research
- Other health and medical research¹:
  - observational / non-clinical interventional

¹The types of research specified in the ‘other’ category have been self-selected by the institution