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Clarifications for applicants

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Clarifications for applicants seeking NHMRC accreditation based on queries received

	Relates to	Query	NHMRC Clarification
1	<p>Streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Translation Centre, and - Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote) <p>Criterion 4 - Organisational arrangements (Attachments A and B): <i>"The application should demonstrate that the collaboration is an established, genuine partnership, led by the health service partner(s)."</i></p>	<p>What does NHMRC mean by "led by the health service partner(s)."? </p>	<p>One of the core objectives of the Research Translation Centre Initiative is to promote health service leadership in research and research translation that addresses priorities directly relevant to health services and the population the centre serves (page 3, section 3, Call document)</p> <p>Collaborations seeking NHMRC accreditation as a Research Translation Centre or Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote) should demonstrate that they are an established, genuine partnership that is led (driven) by the needs and priorities of health services.</p>
2	<p>Stream:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Translation Centre <p>Criterion 2 - Excellence in innovative biomedical, clinical, public health and health services research (Attachment A)</p>	<p>Is the focus of criterion 2 the research excellence of the collaboration's research partners in key areas, outside a collaboration's funded/supported activity, or the excellence of the research supported by the collaboration?</p>	<p>As per the description for criterion 2, <i>the application should demonstrate the collaboration's research excellence</i>. The collaboration includes all partners, including research partners. While the capability and capacity of individual partners is relevant, NHMRC expects that the excellence of research as a collaboration be demonstrated. As set out in the criterion, submissions should demonstrate research activities of specific relevance to the population, or geographical region, in which they provide health care services.</p>
3	<p>Streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Translation Centre, and - Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote) 	<p>Are the signatures of all partners required under Section 4 "Partner Certification"?</p>	<p>All organisations that are considered by the applying collaboration/centre to be partners of that collaboration/centre will need to certify the application.</p>

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	<p><i>Application Form, Section 4 - Partner Certification:</i></p> <p><i>“Provide evidence that all partners in the collaboration agree with the contents of the application by listing partners, name and signature of its representative.”</i></p>		<p>NHMRC is aware that the organisational arrangements of collaborations/centres may vary, as may terminology for different arrangements (e.g. a collaboration/centre might have partner organisations that they consider to be their formal partners, as opposed to other affiliate or associate members that form a broader network but are not considered partners).</p> <p>NHMRC has not prescribed specific organisational and governance arrangements for collaborations/centres, rather the assessment criteria consider whether the collaboration (comprised of its named members) meets the requirements for accreditation, including whether it is a genuine partnership.</p>
4	<p>Streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Translation Centre, and - Research Translation Centre (Regional, Rural and Remote) <p><i>Application Form, Section 1.2 - Certification:</i></p> <p><i>“All personnel or people named in the application have provided written agreement to be named and to the use of their personal information as described in the NHMRC Privacy Policy, including for international review purposes.”</i></p>	<p>Does the requirement include people referenced in the application for their award/published work that is already available in the public domain?</p> <p>Is evidence of written consent by all personnel required? E.g. Should copies of emails be included as an annexe to the application?</p>	<p>If the application names someone in the course of citing publicly available information (e.g. the person’s published work), then we do not need them to have consented to that reference. However, if others are named in the application, they would need to have agreed to their personal information being included.</p> <p>We do not need copies of individual consents; by submitting, the applicant (i.e. the applying centre/collaboration) is agreeing that they have the appropriate written consents from the individuals named in the application and for the use of their personal information, including for international review purposes.</p>