

1.1.6 Fees for HREC Review

Alfred Ethics Infrastructure Fees

The following schedule of fees applies from **1 January, 2010**. These are **exclusive** of GST. No other fees or levies are payable.

Tax invoices for Ethics Committee review fees will be sent by The Alfred directly to sponsors/public health bodies etc. following submission of applications.

Cheques should be sent to The Alfred, PO Box 315, Prahran, Victoria, 3181, with accompanying documentation quoting the invoice number.

Applications submitted under NEAF National or CAF Process	
1) Commercially funded and initiated studies	eg. pharmaceutical companies
\$5,500	
2) Commercially funded and initiated extension studies	eg. open-label study following a randomised study previously approved by the Alfred Ethics Committee
\$3,000	
3) Investigator initiated, company funded studies	Support or grants from pharmaceutical or device companies
\$3,000	
4) Not-for-profit externally initiated studies (excluding universities)	eg. public health bodies, study groups and non-Alfred affiliated researchers
\$600	
5) External non-affiliated university department applications	Staff and students having no affiliation with The Alfred
\$200	
6) Affiliated institutions	Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, Burnet Institute, Monash Medical School, Deakin and La Trobe Schools of Nursing
No charge	
7) Studies initiated by Alfred staff with no commercial funding	
No charge	

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8) Fee for independent expert review (See further information below)	Commercially sponsored studies
Case-by-case	
9) Amendments initiated by a commercial sponsor (initial and extension studies)	
\$650	
10) Amendments: investigator initiated, company funded studies	
\$300	
11) Investigator's Brochures not requiring a change to the Protocol and/or PICF for commercially sponsored studies	
\$100	

Applications submitted under NEAF Streamlined Process	
12) Commercially sponsored studies under the streamlining of ethical review of multicentre clinical trials program (both reviewing and participating sites)	Ethics or governance fee
\$5,500	
13) Collaborative group studies under the streamlining of ethical review of multicentre clinical trials program (both reviewing and participating sites)	Ethics or governance fee
\$600	
14) Researcher-initiated studies under the streamlining of ethical review of multicentre clinical trials program (both reviewing and participating sites)	Ethics or governance fee
\$600	
15) Amendments for commercially sponsored studies under the streamlining of ethical review of multicentre clinical trials program (both reviewing and participating sites)	Ethics or governance fee
\$650	
16) Amendments for collaborative group studies under the streamlining of ethical review of multicentre clinical	Ethics or governance fee

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trials program (both reviewing and participating sites)	
\$300	
17) Investigator's Brochures not requiring a change to the Protocol and/or PICF for all categories of studies	Ethics or governance fee
\$100	

Fees for independent expert review

Typically independent expert reviews are required for research that involves unknown or very high risk to participants, such as new procedures, devices or drugs with known safety issues or an unknown safety profile as in first-in-man studies.

Independent review processes impose significantly increased costs, responsibilities and administrative load on the Ethics Committee and the secretariat. Therefore, from the 1st September 2007, additional fees will be levied for ethics applications requiring such review.

The [National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research \(2007\)](#) has reiterated that ethics committees should seek expert opinion when required to help with their reviews. The reviewers are subject to the same rules of confidentiality as are ethics committee members.

The fee will be \$4,400 (including GST) and will be charged whether or not the project is approved by the Ethics Committee.

The fee will not apply to studies initiated by AMREP partner researchers where there is no commercial sponsorship.