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HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (HREC) REVIEW CYCLE

PREPARE



Find out how to prepare for **HREC review** from these two sources:

1. HREC Forms and Instructions
2. HREC SOPs and Guidelines

<http://www.sun.ac.za/healthresearchethics>

SUBMIT



As far as possible **before a submission deadline** submit application at applyethics.sun.ac.za

- Clinical Trials: **1 hard copy** of full application to be delivered to the Health Research Ethics Office
- Student/Health Research: **No hard copies are required**

REVIEW



Budget at least **3 months** from HREC submission to data collection

- **3-5 weeks** *minimal risk** review
- **5-6 weeks** *more than minimal risk review

**HREC experiences peaks in submissions which may lead to submissions being rolled over to the next scheduled meeting.*

HREC LETTER



Approved ➔ Start research

Approved with stipulations ➔ Meet stipulations then start research

Modifications required ➔ Submit response to HREC feedback within 6 weeks

Deferred ➔ Resubmit full application addressing HREC feedback

Rejected ➔ Application may not be re-submitted

*3-5 weeks or 5-6 weeks **after the submission deadline**

****Minimal risk:** the probability and magnitude of harm or discomfort anticipated in the research, is not greater than that ordinarily encountered in daily life, or during the performance of routine physical or psychological examinations or tests

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