

# HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE (HREO)

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## HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE (HREC) REVIEW CYCLE

### PREPARE



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

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

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### SUBMIT



As far as possible **before a submission deadline** submit application at [applyethics.sun.ac.za](http://applyethics.sun.ac.za)

Clinical Trials: **2 hard copies** of full application

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

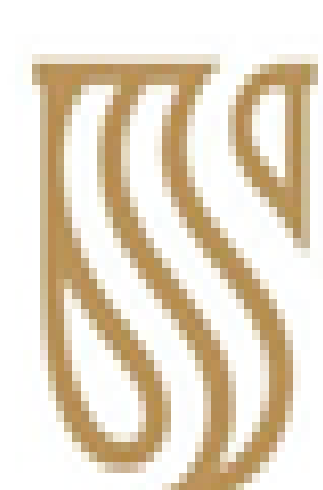
**Submissions may roll over to next review cycle**

### HREC LETTER

- Approved → Start research
- Approved with stipulations → Meet stipulations then start research
- Modifications required → **RE-SUBMIT** Selected docs
- Deferred → **RE-SUBMIT** Full application
- Rejected → May not re-submit

\*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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