Animal Ethics Online Form
ANIMAL ETHICS COMMITTEE (AEC) MEMBER
REVIEW USER GUIDE

This guide is provided for Macquarie University’s Facility Manager to review Animal Ethics Research Application

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**Introduction**

Application for Animal Ethics Research submission to Macquarie University is performed online via Research Master Network (RMENET) in Integrated Research Information System (IRIS).

**Who should use this form**

As a member of the Macquarie University Animal Ethics Committee (MQ AEC), you are required to review and provide comments and give approval to the Animal Ethics Online Form submitted by researchers.

This manual will help you to login, provide comments, discuss, review comments and provide final outcome approval for each of animal ethics application form submitted through the online form in RMENET.

**Before you start**

- Ensure that you have an uninterrupted connection to the internet before login in.
- Installed a working web browser (current preferred browser: Firefox)
- Allow pop-up windows for the IRIS website (i.e. https://iris.mq.edu.au/rmenet)
- You should receive an email notification whenever a new animal ethics application form is ready to be reviewed and signed off.
- Should you be expecting to be away or on leave for extended period, you may want to notify the Animal Ethics Team.

**Getting help**

In addition to this instructional guide, there are several ways to get help or find information to assist you:

For issues specific to your animal ethics application:

- Macquarie University Animal Ethics FAQs
- Contact Person: Animal Ethics Secretariat
- Email: animal.ethics@mq.edu.au
- Phone: +61 2 9850-7758 / 9850-4457 or 9850-4456

**How to Log In**

Go to: [https://iris.mq.edu.au/rmenet/](https://iris.mq.edu.au/rmenet/)

Use your OneID Username and Password (normally it is your MQ staff number)

You will be greeted with the home screen.

Go to the dropdown menu Ethics >> Application.

**Opening an Animal Ethics Application**

You will find applications needing your review under Ethics >> Application and selecting For Assessment Review.

All other applications that you will have access to will be displayed under All Applications.
System Navigations

Once the application is opened, you will be presented with several window panes and icons

Layout and navigational panes

1. **Left hand side pane**
   This is the navigation pane containing sections of the application form.

2. **Right hand top pane**
   This pane contains navigational icons, available throughout your application

3. **Main pane**
   This pane shows the content of the form (instructions, questions and links)

Left hand side pane

There are three tabs visible in this left hand side pane:

1) **Form**
   This contains the hyperlink index to each section of the application forms. Also available, the option to expand or collapse the section tree of the form.

A green tick mark (✓) should be displayed for each page, indicating that the page have been completed by the applicant.

2) **Action**

The Action tab contains action links to:

**Approve and forward to HOD** – Click this link to send the application to Head of Department after you have provided signoff

**Request Amendment** – Click this link to send the application back to Applicant for modification / changes / amendment to the application.

Right hand top pane

These are, respectively:

**Next Page, Save, Application Comments**

**Reports, Page Comments, Help, Exit**
Main Pane

The main pane displays information and question of the form. You may click on any of the active link without navigating away from your form.

Next Page Icon

This icon is displayed on the right hand bottom corner. This will take you to next section.

Confirm or Cancel Icon

These icon will be shown on the lower right hand corner on any subwindows appearing as a part of a table entry.

Once you review the application you’ll be able to:

- Signoff application
- Request amendments and add comments.
Signing off applications

You should review every page of this application. The application will be available to you in a read-only mode, except the Signoff page, where you will have to provide and fill in your signoff details.

Once you have reviewed the application and happy for it to go through to the Research office, you can sign off the application:

1. Go to Other Parties Signoff >> Facility Manager Signoff

   ![Image of facility manager signoff](image)

   2. The main pane will then display:

      ![Image of facility manager signoff](image)

      If you are satisfied with the applications and no further comments on the application you may select I agree and print your full name. Otherwise select I disagree, enter your comments / request.

3. Click the save icon (on the top right hand panel) to save your responses.

4. Go to the Action tab on the left panel and either:
   a. Approve and forward to HOD, or
   b. Request amendment.

   This will forward the application back to the applicant requesting them to amend / add more information on their application.

Save and Log Out

We recommend you to save and log out from the application as soon as you have made your comments and have sent the application back to the applicant either for amendment or for submission.

To Exit RMENET, click the exit icon on the top left hand pane.