

Fees for Research Ethics and Governance Review of Clinical Trial Research

Summary This Information Bulletin provides an update of the fees to be charged by NSW Health organisations for research ethics and governance review fees for clinical trial research.

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Purpose

This Information Bulletin provides an update of the fees to be charged by NSW Health Organisations for research ethics and governance review fees for clinical trial research. Table 1 and Table 2 reflect the current Fee Schedule for Research Ethics and Governance review until 30 June 2025. The advised changes in Table 3 and Table 4 are effective from 1 July 2025.

This Information Bulletin is to be read in conjunction with NSW Health Policy Directive *Fee Schedule for Research Ethics and Governance Review of Clinical Trial Research* ([PD2025_017](#)).

Key Information

Research Offices who host a Human Research Ethics Committee reviewing a clinical trial are to charge the fees set out in Table 1 *Fee Schedule for Research Ethics Review until 30 June 2025*.

Research Offices who host a clinical trial at a site under their control are to charge the fees set out in Table 2 *Fee Schedule for Research Governance Review until 30 June 2025*.

From 1 July 2025, the fees outlined in Table 3 and Table 4 will apply. These tables are provided here for the reference of Research Offices to ensure clarity and facilitate planning. Research Offices should use these tables to understand the upcoming fee structures and prepare accordingly.

Table 1. Fee Schedule for Research Ethics Review until 30 June 2025

Item	Institution-sponsored clinical trials	Non-commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)	Commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)
HREC Review	\$0	\$1000	\$6250
Additional site	\$0	\$150	\$1500
Addition of a sub-study	\$0	\$500	\$2500
Major Amendment	\$0	\$250	\$1000
Minor Amendment	\$0	\$150	\$500

Table 2. Fee Schedule for Research Governance Review until 30 June 2025

Item	Institution-sponsored clinical trials	Non-commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)	Commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)
SSA Review	\$0	\$1000	\$4500
Non-standard contract-review	see PD2025_017, section 4.5 ^[1]	\$500	\$2000
Major Amendment	\$0	\$250	\$750
Minor Amendment	\$0	\$100	\$325

Table 3. Fee Schedule for Research Ethics Review from 1 July 2025

Item	Institution-sponsored clinical trials	Non-commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)	Commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)
HREC Review	\$0	\$1000	\$6250
Addition of a sub-study	\$0	\$500	\$2500
Amendments	\$0	\$250	\$1000

Table 4. Fee Schedule for Research Governance Review from 1 July 2025

Item	Institution-sponsored clinical trials	Non-commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)	Commercial external sponsor (excluding GST)
Site Specific Assessment (SSA) Review	\$0	\$500	\$4500
Non-standard contract-review	see PD2025_017, section 4.5 ^[1]	\$500	\$2000
Amendments	\$0	\$0	\$750

¹ Refer to Section 4.5 Non-Standard Contracts in the NSW Health Policy Directive *Fee Schedule for Research Ethics and Governance Review of Clinical Trial Research* ([PD2025_017](#)).