



Massey University

Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa

Human Ethics Committees Reconsideration Procedures

All requests for reconsideration will be recorded and included annually in (i) the report of the Human Ethics Chairs Committee which is sent to the Massey University Academic Board; and (ii) the Annual Report Form which is sent to the Health Research Council (HRC) Ethics Committee.

Procedure for Reconsideration of a Decision of a Massey University Human Ethics Committee:

If applicants have concerns they should, in the first instance, attempt to resolve these through discussion with the Chair of the relevant Human Ethics Committee.

Applicants may only invoke the following procedure if dialogue with the committee has failed to produce an agreement between the two parties.

- a) Request sent to the Director, Research Ethics.
- b) Director, Research Ethics convenes an Appeals Committee consisting of the Chairs of non-involved Human Ethics Committees.
- c) Reconsideration will be by way of re-hearing, focusing on specific alleged errors of judgement or reasoning in the original decision.
- d) Applicant informed in writing of the decision, and, where the application involves health and disability research, the right to seek a second opinion from the HRC Ethics Committee. Other applicants may appeal to the Vice-Chancellor.