

Which Form (A, B, or C) to Use with your Application

Form A: Application for Exempt Research Status Research involving less than minimal risk: May include the use of publicly available databases; unobtrusive observations of public behavior; the use of educational or diagnostic tests; the use of surveys or interview procedures when participants are age 18 or older; research on instructional techniques in commonly accepted educational settings; and secondary research studies for which consent is not required.

Form B: Application for Expedited Review Research involving no more than minimal risk: May include research involving participants in studies of physical or psychological responses or collection of samples of tissues or body fluids.

Form C: Application for Full Board Review Research involving greater than minimal risk, whether physical or psychological: All research involving participants who are considered members of vulnerable, or protected, populations must go through full board review. Research of a sensitive nature that requires particular attention to protecting the anonymity or confidentiality of responses may also require full board review.

NOTES:

1. Please see the FAQ page and Forms tab on this website for more information on each type of form listed above. For each type, the researcher must submit a complete application as described on this website's homepage.
2. The IRB makes the final decision regarding the level of risk associated with each study. After reviewing an application, the Board may determine that the research involves a different level of risk (than used by the researcher) and require that a different form be submitted. In most cases, the remainder of the application contains the same components required for all studies.

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