




Managing HREC Meetings and Decisions

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How can REGIS help with HREC meetings?

REGIS can help manage all documentation for HREC meetings. The system can generate agendas for, and minutes and actions from, the meeting. The executive officer (EO) or research administrator completes and distributes these in REGIS.

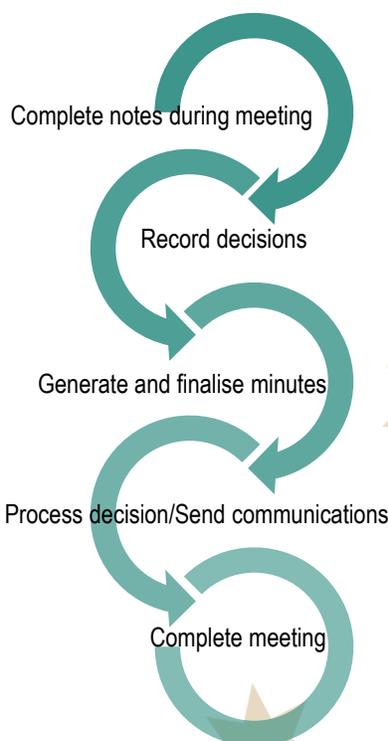
This guide discusses the steps from when the HREC meeting starts to processing a decision. A similar process may be used for other meetings created and managed in REGIS.

Relevant icons

The following icons are used throughout the different meeting processes. They will be referred to throughout the document.

	Edit
	Hamburger (more options)
	Tick to add selected
	Save

The following diagram is an overview of the HREC meeting process in REGIS. Before starting, it is always best to review the most recent [ACT](#) and [NSW](#) research governance policies.



Using REGIS during a HREC meeting.

Step 1

Log in to REGIS and search for the meeting by clicking on the Start menu in the top left-hand corner with a hamburger icon next to it.



This icon will present you with tiles to navigate to your chosen section.

Step 2

Select the Meetings tile from the Start dropdown



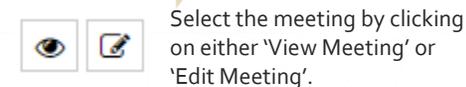
Step 3

Click on the next Meetings tile that appears



Step 4. Search for the existing meeting

Filter the search by adding a Title or Meeting status. You can also add further filters by dragging and dropping any of the 5 filters available on the left-hand side of the screen.



Adding notes to an application and recording the decision

Step 1

Select the Application tile on the left-hand side of the screen.

Step 2

Click the note icon on the right side of the application in the table listing.

Note: can't see the 'note' icon? Select the 'edit' icon at the top right of the screen.

Step 3

Add comments from the meeting.

These can be further edited after the meeting and this information will feed through to the draft minutes created in REGIS.

Complete this step for all applications.

Step 4

From Applications, select the application you want to record a decision against.



Go to gavel icon and choose a decision type:

Application decision

- **Approved** – the process decision option will now become available.
- **Approved with conditions** – when the HREC or Executive Officer (EO) requires additional reporting or monitoring, **not** more information.
- **Not approved** – this application will not be approved by the HREC.

Request for information

- **Approved pending further information** – this option will create the 'more information' form. This option is selected when the HREC or EO requires information before the approval but no changes to the application or documents.
- **Decision pending further information** – Select this option if any changes to the application or document are required. This option will create a new version of the ethics application (HREA) and enable the applicant to edit it.

Note: Recording the decision will change the status of the application but will not send a communication to the applicant

Generating minutes in REGIS

Step 1. Generate the draft minutes

From the top hamburger next to the Meeting title, click 'Generate minutes'

The minutes will be generated in the 'Meeting documents and other business' tile of the meeting.



To edit the minutes, click the download icon next to the Minutes document. The document will open outside REGIS.

Amend the minutes as required. Save the document to your desktop.

Step 2. Upload edited minutes

Select 'Meeting documents and other business' from the Meeting tile.

Select the hamburger next to the 'Meeting documents and other business' title.

Click '+ Add document'. Now you can drag and drop the document into the indicated area or click on the indicated area and browse for the document.

Remember to delete the old version of the meeting minutes.

Process decisions

During the meeting you would have recorded a decision against applications, milestones, amendments and other notifications. You now need to process the decision and send a formal communication.

Step 1

Each application will show the outcome of the meeting, e.g. Approved pending further information.

Step 1a Request for Information



Select the mail icon next to the listed application. This brings up the 'Request for Information' editable template.

Step 2a

The email wizard will open with the 'More information' template. This template is used for both the 'More information' decisions in REGIS. The template should be edited as required.

The email provides the applicant with more instructions on how to respond in REGIS.

Step 1b Application Decision



When the approved decision has been made and saved, the check mark icon will appear with the icons to the right of the application in the table listing.

Select the check mark to progress to the Process Decision page.

Step 2b

Select the hamburger next to the page heading 'Process Decision'. Select 'send email'.

An email template will appear for review and completion.

and National Statement (5.2.22) to be used as a formal communication.

Edit as required and click 'send'.

The email will be sent to the Coordinating Principal Investigator, Principal Investigators and administration contacts.

Complete steps 1a and 1b or 2a and 2b for all remaining items within the meeting.

Making approved documents available in related applications in REGIS

After sending the HREC approval email, the Research Office should mark all approved documents to 'Visible in related projects/applications'. This is completed in the Application view.

Select 'Management' → 'Related Documents'. Select 'Edit' on the right-hand side of the screen. For all HREC approved documents and the HREA/Output form, change the icon from 'Not visible....' To 'Visible...'



Not visible in related projects/applications



Visible in related projects/applications



If a document, in related documents, is appearing in draft (indicated by appearing in italics), approve the document by clicking on the 'Approve' icon.

Changing status to inactive

Changing the status of a meeting from active to inactive, from the meeting details page, removes the meeting from the external portal.



Active



Inactive

Complete meeting

For technical assistance, contact

When all actions have been created for the meeting, select the hamburger next to the Meeting heading and select 'Complete meeting'.

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