

	Expedited Level 1 Protocols (E1)	Expedited Level 2 Protocols (E2)	Full Review Protocols
Data Collection Risk Classifications	Data collection methodology that engages participants in activities they would encounter in their everyday life.	Data collection methodology that engages non-vulnerable participants in activities greater than a negligible level of risk.	Engage participants who are in some way vulnerable, or research settings that are particularly unusual or uncomfortable.
Submission Deadlines	No submission deadlines for low-risk E1 protocols.	Fortnightly submission deadlines , on Monday afternoons.	Monthly submission deadlines , on Monday afternoons.
Review Process	Reviewed out-of-session by Delegated Ethical Review Committee (DERC) chairperson.	Reviewed by one of three DERCs , determined by the college of the chief investigator.	Reviewed by ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) .
Estimated Approval Timeframe	The majority of E1 protocols will be granted approval within 4 weeks of submission.	The majority of E2 protocols will be granted approval within 4 weeks of the allocated DERC meeting date.	Researchers should allow at least* 4 weeks from the meeting date for approval before beginning data collection. (*Given the highly variable nature of these protocols, it is difficult to estimate turnaround times for an individual application).

Methodological Risk Classification

Analysis of previously collected de-identified data	✓	✗	✗
Research projects previously approved by another NHMRC-recognised HREC	✓	✗	✗
Research being conducted outside of Australia	✗	✓	✓
Research involving the collection of sensitive personal information	✗	✓	✓
Research likely to disclose illegal activity	✗	✗	✓
Research involving the intentional recruitment of, or issues related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	✗	✗	✓
Clinical trials	✗	✗	✓