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National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) is a national system for mutual acceptance of scientific and ethical review of multi-centre human research conducted in publicly funded health services, in Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, both within and across jurisdictions. As part of this system, ethical review for human research at (*insert site*) may be submitted to any Certified Reviewing Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC).

In order for ethical reviews of human research to be accepted under NMA, the HREC conducting the review must be certified under the NHMRC National Certification Scheme, and also be a Certified Reviewing HREC under the NMA scheme.

To submit for the review of multi-centre human research by a Victorian certified HREC, applicants must contact the Central Allocation System (CAS) by phone (03 9096 7395) prior to submission.

Further information on NMA, including a list of NMA Certified Reviewing HRECs can be found at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/about/clinical-trials-and-research/clinical-trial-research/national-mutual-acceptance>