

Quality Assurance Scope Checker & Application Pathway

- ✓ Complete the Quality Assurance Application Form
- ✓ Seek site executive endorsement for the activity via the Research Endorsement Form
- ✓ Submit both forms to ResearchGovernance@ramsayhealth.com.au where your application will be reviewed by the National Research Unit.



If your application is deemed **low-risk research** you will be required to register your project in REGGS (online research ethics & governance portal) to proceed with the ethics and/or governance application process.



If your application is deemed a **quality assurance project** and exempt from HREC review, you will receive an exemption letter and will be referred to contact the Quality and Risk Manager or Health Information Manager at the relevant facility to proceed with your application.

If you are conducting a **mandatory or scheduled clinical audit** required for accreditation purposes and to ensure compliance with the NSQSH* Standards and other regulatory and legislative requirements, you will need to submit a request via the [National Audit Tool Request Portal](#) and it will be assessed by the national Clinical Evaluation Committee.

Whats the difference between Clinical Audit, Quality Assurance, and Low-Risk Research?

Clinical Audit

This is a mandatory or scheduled clinical audit that is required for accreditation purposes and to ensure compliance with the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and other regulatory and legislative requirements.

Quality Assurance Project

This is a voluntary or self-initiated audit, with the purpose to monitor, evaluate or improve quality of service delivery.

Low-risk Research

This is research where the only foreseeable risk is discomfort and includes observational studies, surveys, retrospective reviews, data-only research proposals.