

# Should I adhere to the official REC meeting dates for 2025?

The Faculty Ethics Screening Committee (FESC) reviews all low-risk ethics applications, but the Research Ethics Committee (REC) reviews all medium-risk and high-risk applications.

The official REC agenda closing dates and meeting dates *only* apply to medium-risk and high-risk applications. Thus, if your application is classified as low-risk, then you can completely ignore the REC meeting dates.

If your application is classified as low-risk, then please submit your application any time before 1 Sep '25. The turn-around time, from the date of *receipt* of your application, to when you can start with your data collection, is approximately four weeks.

If your application *might* be classified as medium-risk, then please send an *urgent email* to Tanya Ficker ([tanya@sun.ac.za](mailto:tanya@sun.ac.za)), so that your application can be submitted to the REC before the next [REC agenda closing date](#).

**NB:** Please ensure that you submit your application *at least one week* prior to the REC agenda closing date, so that the FESC can 1) confirm if your application is indeed a medium-risk application; and 2) submit your application to the REC before the closing date.

Click [HERE](#) to view the REC agenda closing dates, as well as the REC meeting dates for 2025.

Click [HERE](#) to see if your application might be classified as medium-risk.