

**RIU 3.3.1.1 Table of Mod Req approval authorities**

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	Description	Classification	Approve by
1	Change of personnel (not Chief Investigator)	Minor	Executive
2	Change of Chief Investigator	Minor	Executive
3	Project title change	Minor	Executive
4	Source of animals changed (not type, see 16)	Minor	Executive
5	Increase in animal numbers >10% or >n=12. For high impact procedures, any increase in animal numbers.	Major	Full committee
6	For low impact procedures, increase or decrease in animal numbers <10% of original numbers or up to n=12. One change of this kind permissible per year before new application needed.	Minor	Executive
7	Minor changes to details of experimental protocol. Change is not likely to cause harm to the animals, including pain and distress. Examples include more effective pain management, change in sex of animals procured, more effective monitoring, reduced frequency of blood collection	Minor	Executive
8	Major changes to details of experimental protocol. Change may cause harm to the animals, including pain and distress. Examples include changes in chemical/drugs, changes to treatment protocol, increased frequency of blood collection	Major	Full committee
9	Change in surgical procedure if less invasive	Minor	Executive
10	Change in surgical procedure if more invasive	Major	Full committee
11	Change of location – domestic. Change is not likely to cause harm to the animals, including pain and distress. For example, using a similar facility in a nearby location.	Minor	Executive
12	Change of location – domestic. Change may cause harm to the animals, including pain and distress. Examples include changing the site for translocation or transporting animals over long distances or between states.	Major	Full committee
13	Change of location – international	Major	Full committee
14	Change of euthanasia method if less likely to cause harm to the animals	Minor	Executive



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15	Change of euthanasia method if more likely to cause harm to the animals	Major	Full committee
16	Project extension up to three years	Minor	Executive, subject to confirmation by Presiding Officer
17	Change in species/type animal used or surveyed		New application required
18	Change in aims of project		New application required
19	Change in fate of animals or potential reuse. Change is not likely to cause harm to the animals, including pain and distress.	Minor	Executive, subject to confirmation by Presiding Officer
20	Change in fate of animals or potential reuse. Change may cause harm to the animals, including pain and distress.	Major	Full committee
21	More than one major modification in one year		New application required

For all minor modifications, the AEC Executive may choose to pass the amendment forward for consideration by the full committee at the next available meeting date.

Context:

The Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes states at s.2.2.23

If established, an AEC Executive:

- (i) must include the chairperson and at least one member from Category C or D (see Clause 2.2.4)*
- (ii) may be delegated to approve minor amendments to approved projects or activities, for ratification at the next AEC meeting. The AEC should provide guidance on the type of activity that would be a minor amendment. A minor amendment may include a change to an approved project or activity where the proposed change is not likely to cause harm to the animals, including pain and distress*
- (iii) must not approve new applications.*