

SA Health Research Offices Processing Times

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Clock on days refer to the time that the application is with the Office for Research/ Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) for action. The statistics reported below only specify clock on days, and do not include the time that the application is with the research team for action. The *NHMRC Certification Handbook (2012)* recommends that HRECs aim to process new ethics submissions within **60 clock on days** and Site Specific Assessment (SSA) forms within **45 days**.

Department for Health and Wellbeing (DHW)

	Previous quarter average	Previous year average
DHW Ethics applications	37 clock on days (7 applications)	40 clock on days
DHW SSA applications	4 clock on days (10 applications)	11 clock on days

Central Adelaide Local Health Network (CALHN)

	Previous quarter average	Previous year average
CALHN Ethics applications	43 clock on days (31 applications)	44 clock on days
CALHN SSA applications	18 clock on days (52 applications)	12 clock on days
CALHN Low and Negligible Risk applications	17 clock on days (11 applications)	16 clock on days

Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) including Drug and Alcohol Services SA (DASSA)

	Previous quarter average	Previous year average
SALHN Ethics applications	62 clock on days (7 applications)	44 clock on days
SALHN SSA applications	15 clock on days (26 applications)	14 clock on days
SALHN Low and Negligible Risk applications	32 clock on days (15 applications)	20 clock on days

Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN)

	Previous quarter average	Previous year average
WCHN Ethics applications	42 clock on days (16 applications)	43 clock on days
WCHN SSA applications	15 clock on days (10 applications)	21 clock on days
WCHN Low and Negligible Risk applications	N/A	17 clock on days

Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN)

	Previous quarter average	Previous year average
NALHN SSA applications	8 clock on days (43 applications)	8 clock on days

Regional Local Health Networks

	Previous quarter average	Previous year average
Regional SSA applications	14 clock on days (5 applications)	12 clock on days