



RESEARCH, INSTRUCTION, TRAINING OR ANALYSIS PERMITS

The Controlled Substances Act recognises that many of the substances controlled by it may be needed for teaching students, training staff, for research purposes or analysis. Section 56 of the Act allows SA Health to issue permits for these purposes.

The applicant must specify the poison(s) or medicine(s) required and details of the purpose for which the permit is required.

Where a permit is required for research purposes the protocol for the research program must be attached to the application. If the research involves animals or human beings, ethics committee approval also must be provided. Progress reports on the research may be required, however, on completion of the research project the final report and results must be sent to SA Health.

Before issuing a permit SA Health may make any enquiries necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant and to ascertain if they are fit to hold a permit and if it is appropriate for a permit to be issued under the circumstances specified in the application.

Permit fees

No fee has been set for a permit.

Permit conditions

After assessing an application for a permit SA Health sets conditions appropriate for the poisons and purpose for which the permit is required. These conditions may include but are not limited to:

- storage conditions;
- restrictions on access to the poison(s) or drug(s);
- security;
- interim or progress reports on research; and
- reports of use of the poison(s) or drug(s).

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