

In accordance with section 2.2.23 of the [Australian Code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes, 8th Edition](#) ("the Code"), the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) has established an Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) Executive.

The UniSQ AEC has delegated to:

- the UniSQ AEC Executive – the authority to review and approve minor amendments to approved projects or activities, with any approval decisions to be ratified at the next UniSQ AEC meeting

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. All major amendments will be referred to the UniSQ AEC for review and approval.

The UniSQ AEC Executive or UniSQ AEC Chair must not approve any new applications.

Examples of 'minor' and 'major' amendment requests are outlined in the table below:

Minor (UniSQ AEC Executive)	Major (UniSQ AEC Meeting)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>change to personnel (the addition of new researchers to a protocol with evidence of appropriate training)</li> <li>increase in animals numbers, where the number of animals requested is &lt;10% of the original animal numbers approved for the project</li> <li>change in drugs used for pain management (if more effective)</li> <li>change to the schedule of blood collection but without an increase in the frequency of collections</li> <li>change to a non-surgical procedure (if less frequent or less invasive)</li> <li>extension of approval period (if less than 3months)</li> <li>addition of camera trapping, sand plots or other observational techniques</li> <li>addition of a collection of non-invasive samples (i.e. saliva, hair)</li> <li>change in the location of study sites</li> <li>increase in the number of study sites, where the additional number of animals requested remains within &lt;10% of the original animal numbers approved for the project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase in animal numbers (&gt;10%)</li> <li>change of strain within species</li> <li>change in the animal gender</li> <li>change in the invasiveness of a non-surgical or surgical procedure</li> <li>change to methods of euthanasia</li> <li>addition or substitution of a non-surgical or a surgical procedure</li> <li>addition of a new intervention</li> <li>change in test compound or drugs used for pain management (other than effectiveness)</li> <li>change to clinical score sheets/monitoring forms and/or monitoring regime</li> <li>extension of approval period (more than 3months)</li> <li>change in the type of trap/technique used to capture animals</li> </ul>