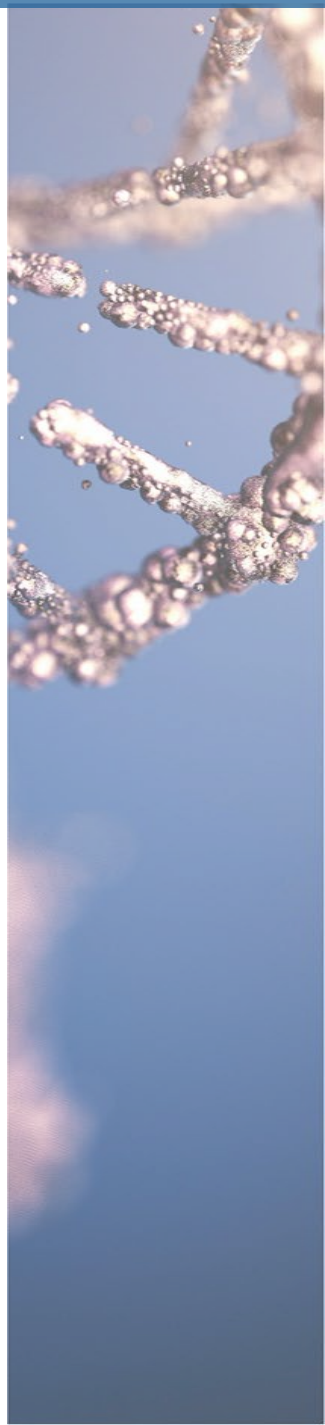
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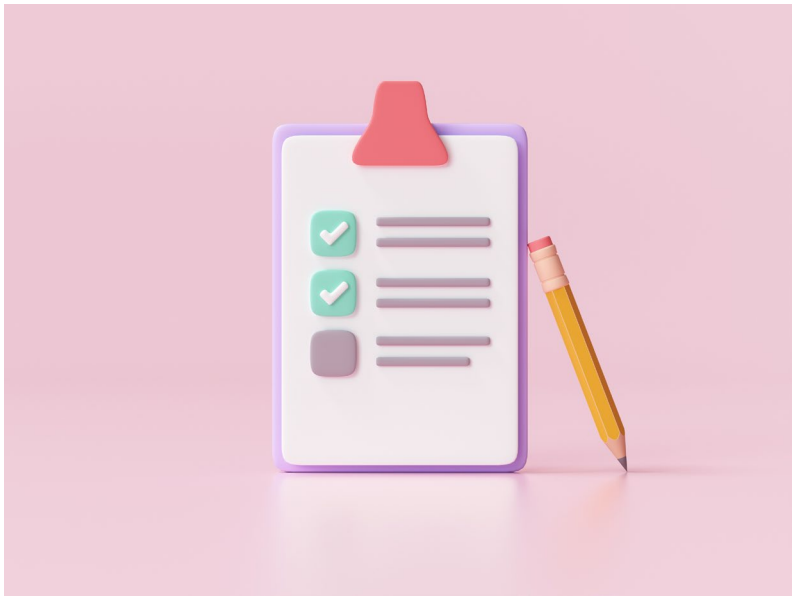
Accreditation: New IBC declaration

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Conditions of Accreditation



Accredited organisations must **at all times** (under power of Section 98):

a) Maintain an IBC; or
b) Have access to an IBC.

Changes to IBC access arrangements

- Organisations must declare changes to their IBC arrangements within 30 days

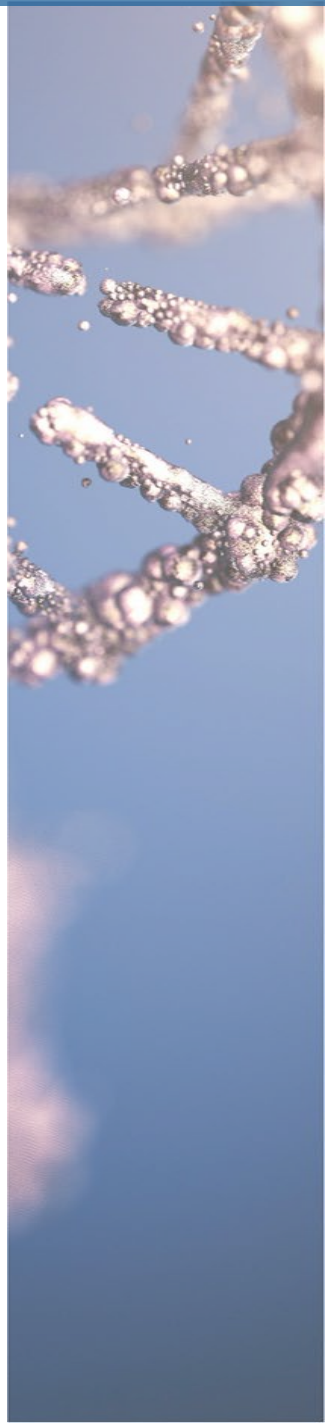
- Commonly used reporting pathways:
  - When applying for accreditation
  - In annual reports



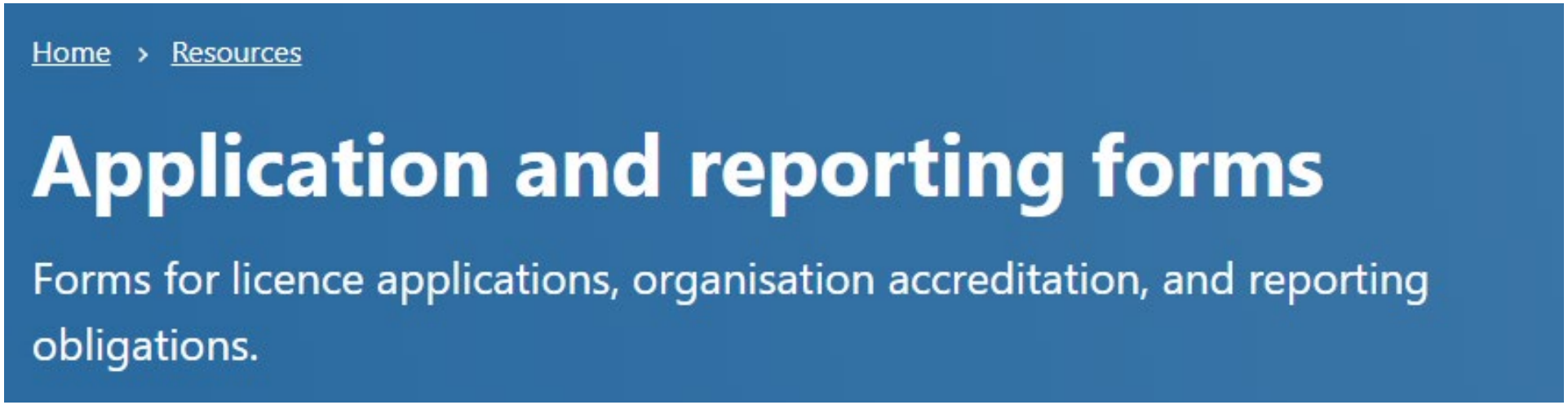
Common issues

- Occasionally there are periods where an organisation had no access to any IBC; or

- IBCs are not aware they have been reported as being the responsible IBC for an accredited organisation



Our solution – new reporting pathway



Notification form to commence access to an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) maintained by another accredited organisation

Form link

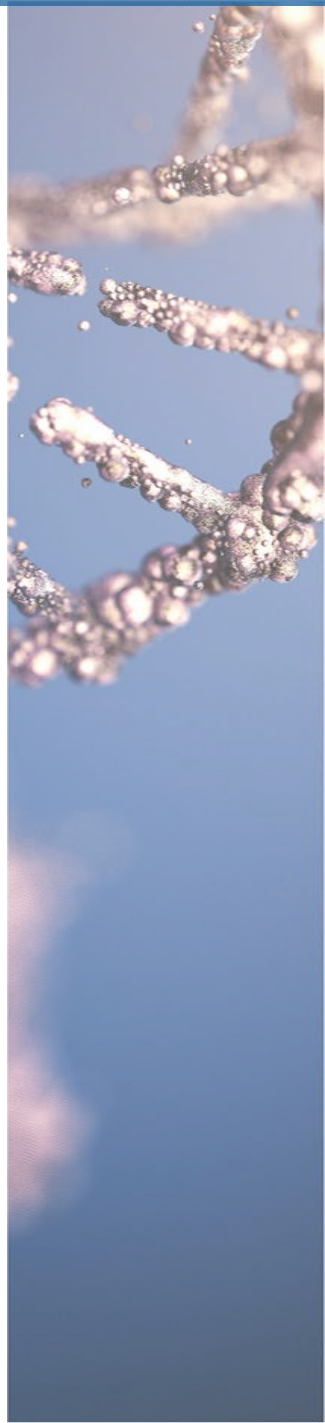
The form

- Allows the organisations and IBCs to clarify access arrangements;
- Ensures all declarations are made;
- Ensure OGTR is contacting the correct people.



Summary

- Accredited organisations must always have access to an IBC
- Changes to IBC access arrangements must be reported within 30 days
- Missing 30-day deadline may result in Accreditation cancellation, suspension or surrender
  - Impacts licences, NLRDs and other authorisations



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