

## VFST Institutional Ethics Committee (VFST-IEC)

### Approval Form for a Research Project to be reviewed as low/negligible risk

Please refer to the information sheet for advice about the approval procedure.

Note that proposed research involving VFST clients as participants will *not* be considered as low/negligible risk

This form must be accompanied by a completed Application Form for Approval of Research Projects

**Name of principal investigator:**

**Title of project:**

As defined by the NHMRC, research is 'low risk' where the only foreseeable risk is one of discomfort. The research is not low risk where the risk, even if unlikely, is more than discomfort.

Research is 'negligible risk' where there is no foreseeable risk of harm or discomfort and any foreseeable risk is no more than inconvenience. The research is not negligible risk where the risk, even if unlikely, is more than inconvenience.

Does your project involve any of the following:

- research investigating sensitive personal issues? Yes / No
- research investigating sensitive cultural issues? Yes / No
- explorations of grief, death or serious/traumatic loss? Yes / No
- experience of depression, mood states, anxiety? Yes / No
- children or young people aged under 18? Yes / No
- people whose capacity to give free consent may be impaired because of difficulties understanding the information statement e.g. language difficulties? Yes / No
- psychological inventories/scales/tests? Yes / No
- is there a dependent relationship between the researcher/s and potential applicants which might give rise to conflicts of interest and pressure on people to participate Yes / No

If you answer "yes" to one of these, explain why you consider that the proposed project poses a 'low risk' to participants.

