

Exaresearchers preparing their study for IRB submission.

Examples of Exempt Categories

Category 1: Educational Tests, Surveys, Interviews, or Observations
Example 1t Comparing two curricula that are currently being implemented in a school.
Investigators will observe classrooms and interview instructors about their experience implementing the materials (but not about specific students).

Category 2: Educational Tests, Surveys, Interviews, or Observations

Example 1t Anonymous surveys regarding workplace satisfaction

Example 2t Interviews of college students about their plans after graduation

Example 3t Focus groups with expectant mothers regarding perceptions of parenting education

Category 3: Benign Behavioral Interventions

Example 1t Solving puzzles under various noise conditions taking 2 hours

Example 2t Asking subjects to play an online game that takes 30 minutes to complete

Category 4: Secondary Research of Identifiable Private Information or Biospecimens

Example 1t Patient medical chart reviews

Example 2t Secondary analysis of coded survey results

Category 5: Federally Supported Research for Public Benefit or Service Programs

*Exempt category 5 only applies to research on public benefit programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, etc. and is rarely used at universities.

Examples of Expedited Categories

Category 1:

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