

Module 1.2-NZ: Legislation as it affects research in New Zealand

Research organisations are subject to a wide range of legislative requirements, depending on the organisation's specific activities. They are expected to know which laws apply to them and to have measures in place to ensure compliance with those laws.

Legislation as it affects research in New Zealand looks at the most common legislative frameworks affecting research in New Zealand. The module covers the essential elements that a research manager needs to know about legislation as well as the types of legislation, jurisdictional issues, understanding legislation, and the legal status of research institutions. The module includes specific mention of the Treaty of Waitangi in legislation.

It also covers general legislative obligations in research as well as research specific and project specific legislation. Case studies and group work during the presentation enable participants to discuss their own legislative issues in research management.

Key learning outcomes

After completing this module, research administrators will be better able to:

- Explain to researchers the legislative and legal/quasi-legal frameworks affecting research in New Zealand so they are able to appreciate the compliance requirements for conducting research
- Ensure relevant legislative and legal compliance issues have been considered in those aspects of research management participants are involved with
- Describe the different models of corporate governance in research institutions in New Zealand and the different legislative frameworks that apply
- Seek advice from the relevant institutional expert in any area of legislative, legal or quasi-legal compliance
- Identify potential areas of risk due to non-compliance with legislative or legal requirements, relevant to your area and level of responsibility

Who should attend?

This module is suitable for those who are new to the research management profession, those who have specialised in one area of research management and wish to broaden their knowledge, and/or those who are experienced research managers but wish to refresh their knowledge in a specific topic area.

Research managers and administrators from all organisations and institutions will benefit from this module including those from:

- Research agencies and institutes
- Medical research institutes
- Research and development corporations
- Research centres
- Government departments



- Funding bodies
- Industrial research and development teams
- Service providers
- Commercialisation bodies; and
- Consultancies

This is a compulsory module for individuals completing the ARMS Foundation Level Accreditation Program in New Zealand. Each module can also be taken as a stand-alone unit for professional development purposes.