DECISION TREE FOR APPLICATION FOR A RESEARCH LICENCE

STAGE 1

Identify the activity or activities to be authorised by Licence

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STAGE 2

Are any of the activities prohibited under the Act?
Prohibition includes:

- Keeping or using an embryo after the appearance of the primitive streak,
- Placing an embryo in any animal,
- Keeping or using an embryo in any circumstances in which regulations prohibit its keeping or use, or
- Replacing a nucleus of a cell of any embryo with a nucleus taken from a cell of any person, embryo or subsequent development of an embryo.
- Altering the genetic structure of any cell while it forms part of an embryo

← If yes, reject application giving reasons

↓ No

STAGE 3

Consider whether each activity appears to be necessary or desirable for one of the specified purposed, namely:

- Promoting advances in the treatment of infertility,
- Increasing knowledge about the causes of congenital disease,
- Increasing knowledge about the causes of miscarriages,
- Developing more effective techniques of contraception,
- Developing methods for detecting the presence of gene or chromosome abnormalities in embryos before implantation,
- Increasing knowledge about the development of embryos,
- Increasing knowledge about serious disease, or
- Enabling any such knowledge to be applied in developing treatments for serious disease.

← If no, reject application giving reasons

↓ Yes

STAGE 4

Is the Committee satisfied that the proposed creation and / or use of embryos is necessary for the purpose of the research?

← If not, reject application giving reasons

↓ Yes

STAGE 5

Is the Committee satisfied with the Patient Information and Consent Forms?

← If not, reject application giving reasons

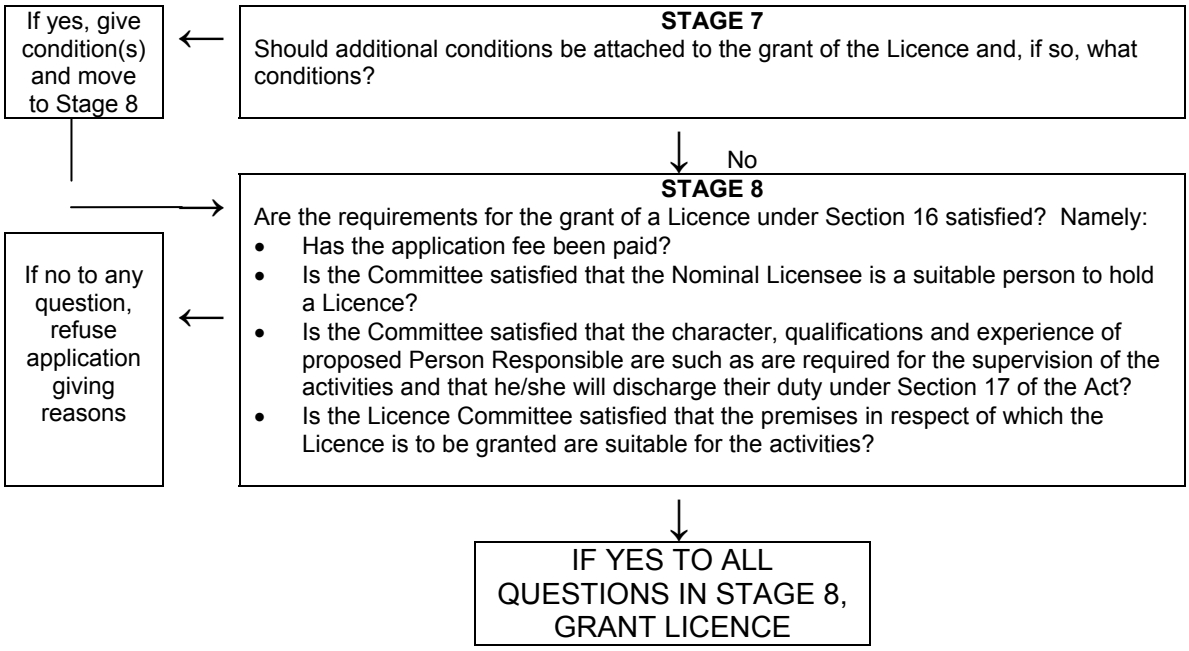
↓ Yes

STAGE 6

Does the Committee consider that it is appropriate to grant a Licence (whether conditionally or unconditionally)?

← If not, reject application giving reasons

↓ Yes


If yes, give condition(s) and move to Stage 8
STAGE 7
Should additional conditions be attached to the grant of the Licence and, if so, what conditions?
No
STAGE 8
Are the requirements for the grant of a Licence under Section 16 satisfied? Namely:
• Has the application fee been paid?
• Is the Committee satisfied that the Nominal Licensee is a suitable person to hold a Licence?
• Is the Committee satisfied that the character, qualifications and experience of proposed Person Responsible are such as are required for the supervision of the activities and that he/she will discharge their duty under Section 17 of the Act?
• Is the Licence Committee satisfied that the premises in respect of which the Licence is to be granted are suitable for the activities?
If no to any question, refuse application giving reasons
IF YES TO ALL QUESTIONS IN STAGE 8, GRANT LICENCE