

**JOMEC ETHICAL APPROVAL FORM for  
MAIJ PRINT FORMAT PRACTICE-BASED DISSERTATIONS**

Title of project: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of researcher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of supervisor : \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this form is for you to think about ethics issues in your dissertation research. Please answer 'YES' or 'NO' to each of the following questions.

	YES	NO
Have you read and understood the Press Complaints Commission Code of Practice?		
Will you identify yourself and make the purpose of your investigation known to participants?		
Will you obtain written consent from participants including agreement on whether or not they are to be identified?		
Does your research involve any potential challenges under the Code particularly with regard to the clauses on		
Privacy?		
Harassment?		
Children under-16?		
Hospitals or other medical establishments?		
Clandestine devices and subterfuge?		
Victims of sexual assault?		
Discrimination?		
Financial journalism?		
Confidential sources?		
Payment to witnesses or criminals?		
Is there a public interest justification as defined in the Code for any departure from standard practice?		
Have you taken into account any health and safety measures your research might necessitate in accordance with University policy and School requirements (including the health and safety of you as a researcher, and the health and safety of your research participants).		

IF YOU HAVE ANY TICKS **OUTSIDE** OF THE GREY BOXES IT IS POSSIBLE YOUR RESEARCH MAY BE ETHICALLY PROBLEMATIC. IN ADDITION TO ISSUES COVERED HERE YOU **MUST** BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR SUPERVISOR ANY ISSUES WITH ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS NOT CLEARLY COVERED BY THE ABOVE CHECKLIST

THE DISSERTATION SUPERVISOR MUST INITIAL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

**A.** The supervisor believes this research project has **no** ethical implications and the student can proceed with the research immediately.

**B.** The supervisor believes this research project has **some** ethical implications. In Box 'B' the student should provide a brief description of participants and their research methods. In addition, the supervisor should list guidelines/ recommendations to follow and/or issues that the student needs to address in order for the research to proceed. If the supervisor initialled **Statement B**, please give a description of participants and procedures in up to 150 words

**C.** The supervisor believes this project may have **significant** ethical implications and should be brought before the Ethics Committee. Further details about the project will be provided, see statement 'C' overleaf. The student **SHOULD NOT** proceed until the project has been approved by the Ethics Committee.

**Box C**

1. Title of Project
2. Purpose of project and its academic rationale
3. Brief description of methods and measurements
4. Participants: recruitment methods, number, age, gender, exclusion/inclusion criteria
5. Consent and participation information arrangements - please attached consent forms if they are to be used
6. A clear but concise statement of the ethical considerations raised by the project and how you intend to deal with them
7. Estimated start date and duration of project

**All information must be submitted, along with this form to the Departmental Ethics Committee practice-based dissertation panel for consideration**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Postgraduate Researcher*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Dissertation Supervisor*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*MAIJ Course Director for Practice-based Ethics panel*

**STATEMENT OF ETHICAL APPROVAL**

This project had been considered using agreed Departmental procedures and is now approved

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chair, School Ethics Committee*

