

Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) Code of Ethical Conduct

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Policy Statement

The Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) adopted a Code of Ethical Conduct (the “Code”) in November 2017 that complies with requirements laid down by the [Animal Welfare Act 1999 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#) including [sections 80](#) and [100](#) of the Act, which set out the purposes of the regulatory system for the use of animals in science, the promotion of the three R’s (Reduction, Replacement and Refinement), and the criteria for decision-making. This Code was approved by the [Ministry for Primary Industries \(MPI\) \(MPI website\)](#).

The [Code \(Staff only\)](#) is located on the staff intranet via the [Research and Innovation Ethics intranet](#) page.

Staff can access the Animal Ethics training manual (“AEC Training Manual”) via [the Research and Innovation Ethics Intranet page](#) or directly from the [AEC secretary](#). Application and reporting forms will be updated by the Animal Ethics Committee as required and are also available on the same intranet page; for students via their Supervisor.

Related Documents and Information

Legislation

- [Animal Welfare Act 1999 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#),
- [Official Information Act 1982 \(New Zealand Legislation website\)](#)

Regulations

- [Discipline Regulations \(University Regulations website\)](#)

UC Policy Library

- [Academic Appeals and Grievances Principles and Procedures \(PDF, 410KB\)](#)

UC Website and Intranet

- [University of Canterbury Animal Ethics Committee Code of Ethical Conduct \(University Research and Innovation intranet\) \(Staff Only\)](#)
- [Ethics intranet page \(University Research and Innovation intranet\) \(Staff Only\)](#)
- [AEC Exam \(University Research and Innovation intranet\) \(Staff Only\)](#)
- [AEC Training Manual \(University Research and Innovation intranet\) \(Staff Only\)](#)

External

- [Department of Conservation \(DOC\) \(DOC website\)](#)
- [Good Practice Guide for the Use of Animals in Research, Testing and Teaching \(PDF, 491KB\) \(Ministry for Primary Industries \(MPI\) website\)](#)
- [Ministry for Primary Industries \(MPI\) \(MPI website\)](#)
- [National Ethics Advisory Committee \(NAEAC\) \(MPI website\)](#)
- [National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee \(NAWAC\) \(MPI website\)](#)
- User's Guide to Part 6 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 (MAF Policy Information Paper 33) (PDF)

Document History and Version Control Table			
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This policy remains in force until it is updated