

# CIRB Updates

10 May 2024

We are pleased to inform you that the new system, [Ethics and Compliance Online System \(ECOS\)](#) is available from 10 May 2024. ECOS comprises of Minimum Training, IRB, Clinical Research Management System (CRMS), Quality and Compliance modules. In this Phase I launch, the Minimum Training, IRB and CRMS are made available. The Quality and Compliance Modules will be rolled out later.

More information on the modules can be found [here](#).

## 1. ECOS Account

There are 2 types of logins:

- (a) If you are from Public Healthcare Institutions (PHIs), please login using your M365 email address.
- (b) If you are from non-PHI and have an iSHaRe account, please use the iSHaRe email account to login to ECOS. If you don't have an iSHaRe account, please sign-up for an ECOS account.

If there are any issues, please contact the following helpdesks for assistance.

<p><b>SingHealth users:</b>  <a href="mailto:it.helpdesk@singhealth.com.sg">it.helpdesk@singhealth.com.sg</a>            1800-666-7777</p>	<p><b>NHG users:</b>  <a href="mailto:ITDHELP@nhg.com.sg">ITDHELP@nhg.com.sg</a>            1800-483-4357</p>
<p><b>Non-PHI users:</b>  <a href="https://for.sg/ecos-support-request">https://for.sg/ecos-support-request</a></p>	<p><b>NUHS users:</b>  <a href="mailto:ITDHELP@nuhs.edu.sg">ITDHELP@nuhs.edu.sg</a>            1800-483-4357</p>

## 2. Minimum Training Certificates

If you are researcher or investigator who conducts research, we strongly recommend you upload your training certificates upon first login. You will find the "Minimum Training Certificates" section in the User Profile page. To find out the minimum training required to conduct research in SingHealth, please click [here](#).

### 3. New IRB Application

With the launch of ECOS, SingHealth CIRB resumes the review of new applications. If your study requires Full Board Review in May 2024, please submit the IRB application, and have the Research Office Check (if applicable), Department Representative and Institution Representative Endorsements completed by **17 May 2024, 5pm**.

With effect from Jun 2024, the submission deadline for Full Board Review will resume as the first working day of each month (except December where there is no Full Board meeting). The Full Board meeting dates can be found [here](#). If your IRB application does not require Full Board Review, the submission deadline does not apply and it can be submitted anytime in ECOS for IRB review.

### 4. On-going IRB Approved Studies

All on-going IRB approved studies will be migrated to ECOS by end of May 2024. Even if you see your studies in ECOS earlier, please do not take any action until 01 Jun 2024 as the migration progression may affect any update you make to your record. If there are any reporting of DNC, SAE, ORE or Study Closure, while waiting for the migration to be completed, please refer to [CIRB Updates 1 Feb 2024](#), items 2 and 3. CIRB will cease to accept submissions via email from 01 Jun 2024. All submissions should be via ECOS for on-going IRB approved studies.

Please review if your on-going approved studies are migrated from 01 Jun 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the [Board Secretariats](#) and do provide the CIRB reference number, study title, name of PI and PI's email address.

For on-going approved studies expiring between 01 Aug 2024 and 31 Aug 2024, please login to ECOS from 01 Jun 2024 to create and submit the Study Status Report Form to request for renewal by **21 Jun 2024, 5pm** to avoid any lapse in approval.

### 5. ECOS Resources

Office of Research Integrity Compliance and Ethics (RICE) conducted trainings in Mar and Apr 2024. The training slides, Q&As and videos which will be useful in your journey with ECOS can be found at the [ECOS website](#).

**For enquiries:**

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