

Research Compliance Office Email Memo

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Dear IRB User,

Stanford [Social & Behavioral \(Non-medical\) Institutional Review Board](#) has developed a new Exempt review category for research involving benign behavioral interventions. This change means that some Expedited research may now qualify for the new Stanford Exempt Category 7.

Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Completing a specific physical/mental action
- Survey question manipulation
- Reading vignettes/articles
- Viewing/listening to media
- Reading/writing/drawing tasks
- User interface/consumer preferences
- Design/data visualization

Stanford Exempt Category 7 is now an option in eProtocol Exempt applications. The [Exempt Review Categories](#) provides the full Stanford Exempt Category 7 text. The IRB will determine whether or not a study may be reviewed under Stanford Exempt Category 7, as eligibility depends on the specifics and context of a given study.

Please share this information with your colleagues and students, and do not hesitate to contact [Adam Bailey](#) or [Sam Felice](#) if you have questions.

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