# HDEC Tissue Bank Application

**Introduction**

This form provides more detail about how the HDECs review application to establish or maintain tissue banks.

1. A tissue bank is a collection of human tissue samples stored for potential use in research beyond the life of a specific research project.

Applicants should provide information that addresses the matters listed below.

## Application Form:

Q1 Describe how the governance arrangements for the tissue bank ensure that robust and appropriate processes are in place for all aspects of tissue storage, management and use.

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Q2 How will consent be sought from donors[[1]](#footnote-1)?

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Q3 How will tissue samples be collected, transported and stored?

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Q4 How will applicants address cultural issues associated with the storage and use of tissue that may arise for Māori (and other relevant population groups)?

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Q5 Under what circumstances can tissue stored in the tissue bank be provided to other researchers, including:

* + - the types of activity for which tissue may potentially be made available
    - how the organisation will check that research projects using the tissue bank samples are scientifically valid
    - any other conditions under which tissue samples will be made available.

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Q6 Where relevant, describe whether and how donors and their relatives will be provided with clinically significant information obtained as a result of research on their tissue.

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## Supporting Documents:

1. Terms of Reference and Governance Board
2. Advertising (if applicable)
3. Patient information sheets and consent forms
4. CV of the lead investigator or manager of the bank

1. In this section, ‘donor’ refers to any person who can give consent for the use of tissue for the purposes of the [Human Tissue Act 2008](http://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2008/0028/latest/DLM1152940.html). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)