

Online booking service for IRAS submissions

A new online booking service for IRAS submissions will be rolled out in late-May, replacing the current Central Booking Service telephone line.

Applicants submitting research projects through IRAS will access an online system via IRAS that will allow them to book in their submission and select the appropriate review. The online booking service is quick and easy to use and will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Applicants will then be able to submit their application.

Telephone support to applicants, if they need help with the new system, will be available. Details will be given in the guidance once the service goes live.

Current process to fast-track COVID-19 studies will remain in operation see [our current guidance](#).

Online submission of amendments and new Amendment Tool

From June, applicants will be able to submit amendments for approved studies through IRAS without having to email documents. This will help speed up the processing of amendments.

We will also be rolling out a new amendment tool, which we have successfully piloted over the last six months, at the same time. The tool will simplify the amendment process by producing tailored guidance for the applicant on where to submit their amendment and what actions are needed. We also anticipate that it will make the process more efficient across the UK and increase UK compatibility. Guidance will be provided along with training videos and support.

We will keep you updated with further details about both new processes once the final testing is complete.