

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Committee on the Use of Live Animals in Teaching and Research

To: Heads of Departments concerned
All Principal Investigators of CULATR-approved teaching protocols

Revised CULATR Application Form and Guidelines for the Use of Experimental Animals

In accordance with the legislation of the HKSAR Department of Health, teaching and research experiments involving live animals may be performed only by staff and students who are licensed under the Animals (Control of Experiments) Ordinance, Cap. 340. **For teaching experiments, “Bloc License” must be obtained from the Department of Health, by the teaching staff in charge, to cover the group of named students involved in individual experiment(s).** Details on applying for bloc licenses can be found at: www.dh.gov.hk/english/useful/useful_alo/useful_alo.html and application forms can be obtained at: www.dh.gov.hk/english/useful/useful_forms/useful_forms_ani.html.

Your attention is also drawn to the followings as stipulated by the Department of Health in relation to the bloc license applications:

- The teaching staff should have been granted a license (Form 2) and a teaching permit (Form 4) for the same experiment. The reference numbers of the teaching license and permit should be quoted in the application for the bloc license.
- A license is required for each independent experiment.
- The application should contain the details of the experiment, including grounds for application, i.e. why living vertebrate animals are used, the purpose of the experiment and experiment procedures.

For teaching staff of the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty Office will apply for the bloc license on their behalf.

In connection to the above, please find attached herewith the revised application form (document M.292/108: Appendix A) and revised guidelines for the use of experimental animals (document M.290/108: Appendix B) for your reference. Please note that the revised the application form and guidelines will take **immediate effect** and they can be downloaded at http://www.hku.hk/facmed/04research_animal.htm.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2819 9312 for enquiries about animal ethics applications.

Thank you for your attention.



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