

MI'KMAW ETHICS WATCH

RESEARCH EXEMPTIONS

All research involving collective Mi'kmaw knowledge, culture, arts, spirituality, or traditions, or having the potential to impact treaty or Aboriginal rights **must** be reviewed by Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch (MEW).

Research that does not fall under the purview of Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch and is therefore exempt from our review process include:

1. Undergraduate Research

- 1.1 Research at the undergraduate level (not including honours research) is exempt from review.
- 1.2 Course-based research projects are exempt from review. MEW is unable to ensure review of applications within the timeline required for a student to complete a 3-credit or 6-credit course. Student researchers **must receive approval from their institutional REB.**

2. Research in Preschool-12 Contexts

- 2.1 Research for curriculum development by teachers is exempt from review.
- 2.2 Student research projects are exempt from review.
- 2.3 Research projects involving Preschool-12 students and their educators or families in formal educational contexts that **do not** deal with: collective Mi'kmaw knowledge, culture, arts, spirituality, or traditions, or have the potential to impact treaty or Aboriginal rights are exempt from review. Researchers **must receive approval from the governing body of the school and their institutional REB**

3. Books and Manuscripts

- 3.1 MEW does not review books or manuscripts (academic and general audience).
- 3.2 Research conducted for a book that **does not** deal with: collective Mi'kmaw knowledge, culture, arts, spirituality, or traditions, or has the potential to impact treaty or Aboriginal rights are exempt from review.

4. Secondary Data

- 4.1 MEW only reviews research projects that engage with human and animal subjects
- 4.2 Research projects that **do not** engage directly with human or animal subjects are exempt from review. Although the validity of some secondary data may arise in research, this does not fall under MEW's purview.