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ORIENTATION FOR VAIRRS



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TRAINING: VANTHCS Orientation for VAIRRS

MODULE 1: Introduction to the VA Innovation and Research Review System

This orientation has been designed to provide a smoother transition for individuals within the Research & Development Service at VANTHCS as we move from our current processes for submitting and managing research protocols to a new web-based system - VAIRRS. This module provides an overview of VAIRRS as well as instruction on creating your user profile in VAIRRS.

SECTION 1

What is VAIRRS

The VA Innovation and Research Review System (VAIRRS) is the VA's enterprise instance of IRBNet.



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In September 2019, the ORD contracted with Minburn Technology Group, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, to provide VAs across the nation with the software product <u>IRBNet</u>.

Once this product is fully rolled out, it will serve as the research committee software management platform for all VA medical centers with research programs.

The use of IRBNet within VHA is known as the VA Innovation and Research Review System (VAIRRS).



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BENEFITS OF VAIRRS

A suite of electronic solutions to assist in compliance and productivity for Administrators, Committee Members, Researchers and Sponsors.

- Provides multiple tools for research design, management, and project/program oversight.
- Secure web-based solution, accessible to your research community anytime, anywhere.



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BENEFITS – For Local Research Administration

- Reduces administrative load on Research Office staff and committee members.
- Provides a central library of smart forms to • support harmonized workflows.
- Supports all committee work (including IRB, R&D, SRS, IACUC, and others) with a unified solution.
- Allows for institutional tracking of all research and innovation projects regardless of funding or regulatory status.



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BENEFITS – For the Research Team

- Reduces administrative load for researchers and their project staff.
- Improves transparency of research protocol processing so researchers can know in real time the status of their project throughout the review/approval process. Also allows for remote oversight activities.
- Allows for more efficient multi site research review by supporting the single IRB review of studies.



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BENEFITS – For VHA

- This enterprise solution software will harmonize and standardize processes across VA research.
- All VHA research programs will use the ٠ software for research reporting to make sure we capture the complete scope of VA research and potentially promote opportunities for cross-institutional collaboration in key areas.



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VAIRRS DEPLOYMENT

Deploying in a tiered system to the 108 research sites within the VA.

- VAAHS is part of the second tier (2020).
- All sites will be migrated by 2023.
- VAIRRS will be made available to the Facility • Director, VISN, ORO, and ORD.

SECTION 2

My VAIRRS Account

Steps for registering for an account in IRBNet(VAIRRS) and managing your User Profile.



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CREATING AND ACTIVATING YOUR IRBNet/VAIRRS ACCOUNT

Being a **web-based service**, anyone can create an account with IRBNet and can access the system at anytime from anywhere.

When creating your account, remember:

- Committee members have already had their accounts created. Speak with one of your VAIRRS administrators to receive your login information.
- If you are an on-station VA employee, you are asked to use your <u>official VA email</u> when registering.
- Off-station researchers and collaborators can register using an alternative email address. Select an account that you check frequently since activity notifications will be sent to that address.



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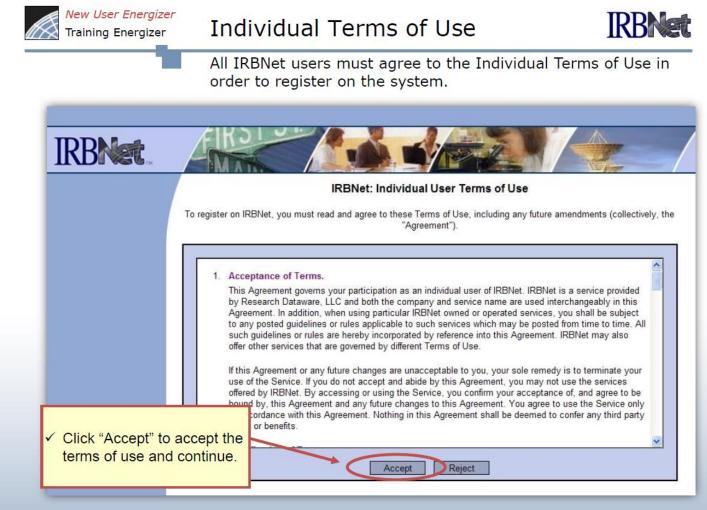
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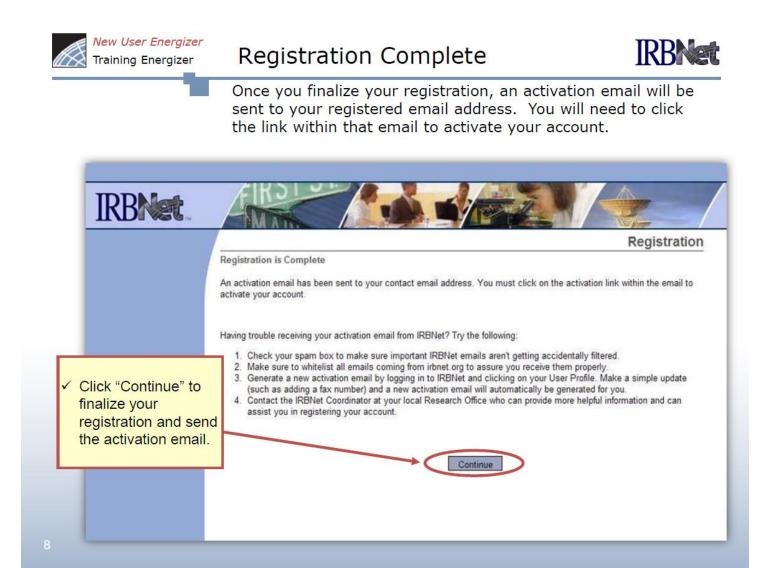
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Prefer to log in with your PIV card? (You must be logged in to your Agency network.)

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MANAGING YOUR AFFILIATIONS

<u>Affiliations</u> allow you to collaborate across research institutions and sponsors. As the user, you assign which affiliations you want in place for streamlining collaborations and communications across projects.

When managing your affiliations, remember:

- Affiliates should reflect those that are active members/collaborators on research currently under board/committee consideration. Besides local boards and committees, affiliates may include:
 - Other VAs
 - Academic Affiliates
 - Sponsors

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New User Energizer IRBNet Manage Affiliations Training Energizer From the User Profile page you can add additional affiliations and trigger additional activation emails, if needed. **User Profile** Use the Add an Additional Your User Profile Affiliation link to add research access this page at any time to update your account information, change your password, manage your affiliations affiliations. age your Training & Credentials records. This is helpful if you are if you add or update an affiliation you will be sent an activation email to your contact email address. You must he link in the activation email to confirm your changes. affiliated with multiple institutions, or if you are both count Information and Password a researcher and a board User Name irresearcher **First Name John** member. Last Name Researcher Affiliations Add an Additional Affiliation Send me an activation email Researcher at Metropolitan University, Frederick, MD Telephone Number (123) 456-7890 Email irbdefault@mailinator.com **Training & Credentials** Click the "Send me an IRBNet allows you to track and share your training records, certifications, resumes and oth activation email" link to added to your profile, your training and credentials can be easily linked to your projects from trigger an additional by your project teams and can be quickly accessed and tracked by the boards that review permit you to directly submit your training and credentials without requiring you to link thes activation email to your registered email There are currently no documents in your profile. address. Add New Record



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ADDING YOUR TRAINING & CREDENTIAL RECORDS

IRBNet allows you to track and share your training records, certifications, resumes and other personal credentials.

When adding your training & credential records, remember:

- IRBNet will automatically connect to CITI and TMS in order to document trainings completed in those platforms.
- Once added to your profile, your training and credentials can be easily linked to any of your projects.

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Vew User Energizer Add Training & Credential Records IRBNet Training Energizer Upload appropriate Training & Credential (T&C) documents to your User Profile, as required by your local institution. **User Profile** Welcome to IRBNet John Researcher Manage Your User Profile My Projects You may access this page at any time to update your account information, change your password, manage your affiliations Create New Project and manage your Training & Credentials records. W My Reminders Note that if you add or update an affiliation you will be sent an activation email to your contact email address. You must Other Tools click on the link in the activation email to confirm your changes. Forms and Templates User Account Information and Password User Name irresearcher First Name John Last Name Researcher Affiliations Add an Additional Affiliation Researcher at Metropolitan University, Frederick, MD Telephone Number (123) 456-7890 Email irbdefault@mailinator.com **Training & Credentials** IRBNet allows you to track and share your training records, certifications, resumes and other personal credentials. Once ur training and credentials can be easily linked to your projects from the Designer, are accessible nd can be quickly accessed and tracked by the boards that review your projects. Some boards also ✓ Click here to upload bmit your training and credentials without requiring you to link these records to specific projects. T&C documents. There are currently no documents in your profile.

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MAINTAINING YOUR TRAINING & CREDENTIAL RECORDS



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How to link to your external CITI account

Overview

Your institution may allow you to link your IRBNet account with an external training account, such as CITI. Linking your IRBNet account to an external account allows information, such as training records, to be automatically available to you in IRBNet in accordance with your institution's preferences and rules.

How to link your external CITI account: Step-by-Step Instructions

- 1. Log into IRBNet and click the User Profile link in the top right corner of the screen.
- 2. In the External Accounts section (near the bottom of the page), click Add External Account.

External Accounts

You can add your accounts from other organizations such as CITI to your IRBNet profile. Once you add an external account to your IRBNet profile, then external information such as training records can be automatically available to you in IRBNet. | Learn More |



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3. In the pop-up, enter your associated CITI Member ID from your CITI account. This number can be found at the top of your CITI homepage upon login.

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- To verify your ownership of the CITI account, you will receive a verification link to the institutional email address associated with your CITI affiliation. If your institutional email is blank, the verification link will be sent to your preferred email address.
 ** To access/edit your CITI institutional email address, refer below to Troubleshooting #4
- 5. Once you receive the email, click the verification link and you're all set! Your coursework will be automatically pulled into IRBNet over the next 24-hours.

(Depending on how quickly your CITI account information can be located, you may receive your verification link immediately, or it may take some time. If more than 24-hours pass and you still haven't received a verification email, refer to "Troubleshooting" below)

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Troubleshooting

CREDENTIAL RECORDS

If you are unable to verify your CITI account, please make sure of the following:

- 1. You have entered the correct CITI Member ID
- 2. Your CITI account is active
- 3. Your institution has enabled this service
- 4. Your CITI institutional email address is correct
 - To access the institutional email address associated with your CITI affiliation:
 - Click "Update my profile" under the LEARNER TOOLS of the affiliation
 - Click "Update..." at the bottom of the Member Information page
 - Edit your Institutional email address
 - Submit (This change may take up to 24-hours to take effect in IRBNet)





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MAINTAINING YOUR TRAINING & CREDENTIAL RECORDS

Training compliance for a project's team can be tracked inside the project workspace. These records provide easy access for boards reviewing your projects.

When maintaining your training & credential records, remember:

- You can clearly see which records (for you and your team) are about to expire.
- You will receive email notifications of impending expiration at the address you provided when creating the IRBNet/VAIRRS account.



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