

Modification Form Procedure

Often in research, Principal Investigators need to modify the agents (such as cell lines, viral vectors, bacteria, toxins, etc.) that they use. Rather than complete a Biological Agents Permit Application (BAPA) each time, Researchers can complete a modification form. To do this, Researchers can contact the Biosafety Officer at biosafety@uwo.ca or cvoss2@uwo.ca. A modification form will be sent to the Researcher electronically. *

Once you have received the modification form, please do the following 6 steps. Failure to do so may result in delays in approval. Forms without all the information outlined in Steps 1 through 6 will not be accepted or reviewed by the Committee.

- 1. Add the new biological agent(s) to column 2 and the corresponding containment level(s) to column 3.
- 2. Attach a brief description of the work being done with the agent(s) you are adding and how they will be stored and disposed of.
- 3. Attach any information on the agent(s) that you have, such as website material or a Safety Data Sheet.
- 4. Sign and date the form as the Permit Holder.
- 5. Complete the Dual-Use Risk Assessment (only required for Risk Group 2, Risk Group 3, and Security Sensitive Biological Agents)
- 6. Return completed form to Courtney Voss via email, cvoss2@uwo.ca

If you have questions, please call extension 88730 or e-mail biosafety@uwo.ca.

*Note that significant changes in the work being done, such as the change in containment level, will require an updated Biological Agents Permit Application (BAPA) and possibly a lab inspection.