1. Is the ARC able to tell me in advance of submitting my proposal, whether it is eligible under the Medical Research Policy?
   No.

2. When did the new policy (v2014.3) take effect?
   25 August 2014.

3. Can the new policy be applied retrospectively (i.e. to proposals submitted before 25 August 2014)?
   No.

4. Will the new policy apply to proposals submitted after 25 August 2014?
   Yes, where the Medical Research Policy applies under the relevant scheme Funding Rules.

5. If my proposal was previously submitted to the NHMRC but not funded, is it automatically eligible for ARC funding?
   No.

6. Will the ARC consider my proposal if it thinks there is a risk that it may not be considered by the NHMRC?
   Yes.

7. If my proposal is deemed ineligible by the ARC, will the ARC automatically refer it to the NHMRC for their consideration for funding?
   No.

8. If I am unsure about whether to submit my proposal to the ARC or the NHMRC, can I submit it to both agencies?
   There is nothing to prevent you from doing this but, if deemed fundable by both agencies, it would not be funded twice. Note that the ARC would see a parallel bid to the NHMRC as evidence of a significant health and medical focus.

9. My proposal includes a small component of research that may be ineligible under the new policy but the proposal predominantly comprises eligible research. Can I submit it to the ARC?
   Yes, the scale and significance of the component will be assessed by the ARC.
10. My LIEF proposal includes a piece of equipment that potentially has medical applications, but the project does not have aims relating to health or medicine. Is it eligible for ARC funding?

Yes.

11. If my proposal contains an intervention that does not relate to health or medical conditions (e.g. aiming to decrease truancy rates; change motorists’ behaviour; affect criminal recidivism) is it eligible for ARC funding?

Yes.

12. If a proposal aims to study an animal health condition, but the goal is not to better understand, diagnose, manage, develop a treatment for or applications for use in, a human health condition or disease, is it eligible for ARC funding?

Yes.

13. Are studies of fundamental human biological processes eligible for ARC funding?

Yes.

14. Are complementary and alternative therapists and/or allied health professionals considered “health services” under this policy?

Yes.

15. Are epidemiological studies eligible?

Yes, provided the goal is not to understand, diagnose, monitor, manage or treat a human health condition.

16. Are studies examining the evolution of viruses eligible?

Yes, provided the goal is not to understand, diagnose, monitor, manage or treat a human health condition.

17. Is research on human ageing eligible?

Yes, unless the goal is to understand, diagnose, monitor, manage or treat a human health condition.

18. Is bioinformatics considered a knowledge and/or technology platform under the policy?

Yes.

19. Are studies on early childhood, for example learning, eligible for ARC funding?

Yes, as long as the goal is not to understand, diagnose, monitor, manage or treat a human health condition.