

Remote Consent Options

There are several options for obtaining consent remotely:

- Request a waiver of documentation of consent. You still provide the consent information to participants (mail, email, online, verbal, etc.) but are not required to collect a signature. The fact that they complete the study procedures can be taken as indication of their consent.
 - This waiver can be granted if your study is minimal risk and doesn't have any procedures where written consent would be required outside the research context.
 - This option **cannot** be used if your research involves accessing FERPA- or HIPAA-protected records. A written signature is required under those regulations.
- Have participants sign and return a consent form to you, either electronically (print/sign/scan) or hard copy via mail.
 - Consider whether all your participants have the ability to print and scan materials before choosing this as the sole option.
- Have participants sign an electronic consent form in [Qualtrics](#), using the Signature question type.
 - Insert your consent information as a static text question, then insert additional questions for participants to type their name and to electronically sign on their device.
 - Remind participants to print or save the screen if they wish to keep a copy of the consent for their records.
 - **DO NOT** collect any study data in this survey. If you are collecting data via Qualtrics, you may include a link to a separate survey on the second page after they sign.
 - Consider whether all your participants have access to a device and internet before choosing this as the sole option.