

F-2012-00059 – HFEA licence application requirements and UK fertility clinics operating pre-1991

19 March 2012

Summary of request

The Authority was asked for information about licensing application requirements since 1991 and fertility clinics operating in the UK between 1978 and 1991.

HFEA response

The core requirements for an HFEA licence are set out in the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended), sections 12-15 set out the conditions of a licence. Please be aware that the original 1990 Act has been updated, most recently in 2008. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has also issued a Code of Practice for Clinics that sets out further guidance on requirements. The current and all historical editions of the Code can be found on our website here: <http://www.hfea.gov.uk/1682.html> .

With regards to fertility clinics operating in the UK between 1978 and 1991, the Authority does not hold this information