Investigators whose responses to the screening questions result in a determination of “human subjects research” will automatically be directed to the full IRB application – NOTE the expanded Item List. However, before commencing, you will first be asked whether you would like to apply for an Exemption determination/approval. Exemption is NOT applicable if your study involves prisoners as subjects or is regulated by the FDA.
If your study may be eligible for exemption determination, category choices will be prompted. Federal regulations allow for an exemption determination in 6 specific circumstances (categories). To justify an exemption request, respond to questions specific to one or more of these categories (see click here for guidance and examples link to determine which category your study will fall). For example, under category 2, you may not qualify for an exemption if you intend to enroll minors as subjects (see next page).
To qualify for an exemption under Category 2:

- Subjects must be **adults**.
- Data collection must employ at least one or more of **four (4) specified methods**.
- Data must be gathered in such a way that subject **cannot be identified AND/OR none of the risks mentioned are present**.
Requesting an Exemption (4)

If it is determined that you qualify for IRB review under rules governing exemption, you will be presented with an abbreviated application form.

However, you will be asked to attach all supporting materials, including recruitment scripts and flyers, surveys and questionnaires, consent forms, etc.

Note: Even if your study qualifies for exempt review, the IRB must thoroughly examine your application and supporting materials before making an determination/approval.