

# Approving workflow runs from private forks

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When someone without write access submits a pull request to a private repository, a maintainer may need to approve any workflow runs.

## Who can use this feature


Maintainers with write access to a repository can approve workflow runs.

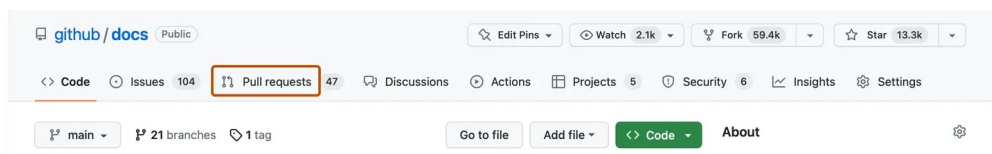
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If you rely on using forks of your private repositories, you can configure policies that control how users can run workflows on `pull_request` events. Available to private repositories only, you can configure these policy settings for organizations or repositories. For more information, see "[Enforcing policies for GitHub Actions in your enterprise](#)."

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Maintainers with write access to a repository can use the following procedure to review and run workflows on pull requests from contributors that require approval.

- 1 Under your repository name, click  **Pull requests**.




- 2 In the list of pull requests, click the pull request you'd like to review.

- 3 On the pull request, click  **Files changed**.



- 4 Inspect the proposed changes in the pull request and ensure that you are comfortable running your workflows on the pull request branch. You should be

especially alert to any proposed changes in the `.github/workflows/` directory that affect workflow files.

- 5 If you are comfortable with running workflows on the pull request branch, return to the  **Conversation** tab, and under "Workflow(s) awaiting approval", click **Approve and run**.

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