

Elements for Accreditation Programmes

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Programme overview

The AfSBT Step-Wise Accreditation Programme strives to improve the quality and safety of –

Donor selection

Collection of blood

Storage and distribution of blood

Testing and component production

Appropriate usage and compatibility testing

Administration of blood and haemovigilance.

Four main documents

- 1. AfSBT Step-Wise Accreditation Standards**
- 2. AfSBT Standards Guidance Document**
- 3. Chart of Evidence of Compliance for the Standards**
- 4. Tool: Assessment of Preparedness for Accreditation**

Programme Outline

AfSBT Standards consist of 11 Sections –

- 1. Quality**
- 2. Blood donor management**
- 3. Collection of blood from donors**
- 4. Handling, transportation and storage**
- 5. Testing of donated blood**
- 6. Blood component production**

Programme Outline

AfSBT Standards consist of 11 Sections –

- 7. Receipt, ordering, selection and/or issuing of blood**
- 8. Compatibility testing**
- 9. Haemovigilance and the clinical interface**
- 10. Blood administration**
- 11. National Blood Service accreditation requirements**

Programme Outline

Compliance with the standards is set at three levels –

- **Step 1:** Certification: minimum (basic) quality and operational requirements
- **Step 2:** Certification: intermediate quality and operational requirements
- **Step 3:** Accreditation at international standard

Requiring progressively improved quality and safety

Programme Outline

Assessments led by AABB appointed assessor

Assessments may be conducted at facility level or national level

Accreditation or certification valid for three years

Thank you for your attention !

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