

Systematic Review of ISO 15189:2012

The systematic review of ISO 15189: 2012: Medical laboratories — Requirements for quality and competence has been completed with the standard being confirmed.

ISO 15189:2012 specifies requirements for quality and competence in medical laboratories. This International Standard can be used by medical laboratories in developing their quality management systems and assessing their own competence. It can also be used for confirming or recognizing the competence of medical laboratories by laboratory customers, regulating authorities and accreditation bodies.

Up to date SADCAS has accredited 21 medical laboratories in Tanzania (9), Botswana (7), Zimbabwe (3), Swaziland (1) and Ghana (1). At the same time SADCAS has 18 applications under process from medical laboratories in Tanzania (7), Zambia (5), Swaziland (2), Botswana (2) and Zimbabwe (2). SADCAS is signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) for Medical (ISO 15189) and as such the accreditation certificates issued by SADCAS on the Medical Laboratories Accreditation Scheme (MLAP) are internationally recognized.

