

## SADCAS Publishes ISO 15189:2022 Transition Policy

This serves to announce the publication of **SADCAS TR 29 - SADCAS Policy on ISO 15189:2022 Transition, Issue 1** by the Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service (SADCAS).

The purpose of this document is to define the SADCAS policy on ISO 15189:2022 and the process to be followed by Medical Laboratories to ensure successful transition to ISO 15189:2022. The document applies to ISO 15189:2012 accredited Medical Laboratories and new applicants under the Medical Laboratories Accreditation Scheme (MLAS). The published document is available on the SADCAS website: <https://www.sadcas.org/sadcas-policy-iso-151892022-transition>. Medical Laboratories are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the SADCAS Transition Policy and note the important dates below:

Date	Activity
<b>6 December 2022</b>	ISO 15189:2022 - <i>Medical laboratories — Requirements for quality and competence</i> published
<b>1 July 2023 onwards</b>	New applications for accreditation shall be based on ISO 15189:2022. Applications based on ISO 15189:2012 shall not be accepted.
<b>Up to 31 March 2024</b>	Laboratories that have their annual periodic assessment/reassessment within this period can choose to be assessed to the 2022 version or remain with the 2012 version
<b>31 December 2023</b>	Deadline for submission of Transition Plans by all ISO 15189:2012 accredited facilities.
<b>1 April 2024 onwards</b>	All Assessments shall be conducted in accordance with ISO 15189:2022.
<b>6 December 2025</b>	ISO 15189:2012: <i>Medical Laboratories – Requirements for Quality and Competence</i> ceases to be valid. Medical Laboratories that have not transitioned to the 2022 version by this date will no longer be able to claim accreditation for their laboratory activities.