

## Training Services

The Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service (SADCAS) provides training for conformity assessment bodies' management and staff. Conformity assessment bodies (CABs) include calibration/testing laboratories, medical laboratories, certification and inspection bodies.

### SADCAS Trainers

SADCAS draws its trainers from a pool of qualified and experienced experts from the SADC region who have up to date involvement in accreditation matters be it system implementation and/or assessments.

### SADCAS Training Programs

SADCAS currently offers the following accreditation training courses:

- **One day awareness** training courses on the various key accreditation standards. The objective of the one day awareness training courses is to create awareness on the benefits and importance of accreditation and the requirements of the respective accreditation standards.
- **Five days' requirements, implementation and internal auditing** courses on the various key accreditation standards and whose objective is to provide an insight into the respective system standards requirements, implementation as well as to guide conformity assessment bodies' (CABs) personnel on how to prepare and carry out an internal audit so as to monitor compliance with the system standard.
- **Three days' internal auditing** courses whose objective is to impart internal auditing knowledge and skills so that conformity assessment bodies are able to monitor compliance with the respective key accreditation standards.
- **Five days' intensive course on Method Validation and Measurement Uncertainty (MV & MU)** covers statistical fundamentals and advanced concepts of statistical techniques that are used in both method validation/verification and in calculating measurement uncertainty of test results.

The courses can be conducted in- house. In house courses have the following benefits:

- You choose the venue of the course
- You choose the date of the course
- Cost effective as a number of staff can be trained at the same time
- Promotes team work as members have access to the same consistent information

The training courses are designed to create awareness on the benefits and importance of accreditation and to promote an understanding of the requirements of the key accreditation standards.

SADCAS training courses are made relevant and practical as they include case studies and exercises that reflect the respective professional disciplines. In order to objectively assess participants, an examination is written at the end of the 5 and 3 day courses. Participants are also evaluated throughout the course.

Besides the above courses, SADCAS can also offer other courses depending on your needs including one day awareness courses on the key accreditation standards.

### SADCAS Courses Targets

The above courses are designed for management and staff of CABs involved in the implementation and maintenance of a CAB's system as well as those who are involved in monitoring system compliance through internal audits.

**NOTE: In order not to compromise its impartiality principles and status in training service delivery, SADCAS does not give specific advice for the development of an organization's operations. Furthermore the training delivered or facilitated by SADCAS are not a pre-condition of accreditation neither do they guarantee accreditation by SADCAS..**

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