## **WORKING TOWARDS ACCREDITATION**

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# **OBJECTIVES**



• Licensure? Certification? Accreditation?

Accreditation Process

• SLIPTA/SLMTA

Benefits of accreditation

# **SCENARIO**



- The Minister of Health has asked you as the chief laboratory specialist how to improve recognition/acceptance of laboratory results throughout the country and internationally. How would you go about doing that?
- What is a laboratory licensing?
- What is certification?
- What do we mean by accreditation?

## LABORATORY QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM





- Assessment or evaluation
- Quality management system can
  - Accurate
  - Reproduceable results
- Qualified organisation
- Compliance with international norms and standards

# LICENSE



• **Licensure** — the granting of ability to practise, usually provided by a local governmental agency.

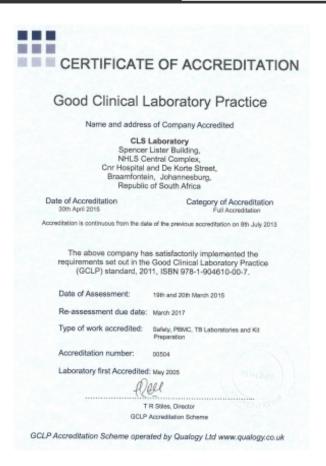
License to practice

• Example: Health Professions Council South Africa.

# CERTIFICATION



• Certification — the procedure by which an independent body gives written assurance that a product, process or service conforms to specific requirements.



# ACCREDITATION

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- Accreditation the procedure by which an authoritative body gives formal recognition that a lab or person is **competent** to carry out specific tasks.
- Accreditation provides a higher level of assurance to those using the laboratory that its testing is reliable and accurate because it includes an evaluation of competency.



#### CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

In terms of section 22(2) (b) of the Accreditation for Conformity Assessment, Calibration and Good Laboratory Practice Act, 2006 (Act 19 of 2006), read with sections 23(1), (2) and (3) of the said Act, I hereby certify that:-

#### WITS HEALTH CONSORTIUM (PTY) LTD

Co. Reg. No.: 1997/015443/07 Practice No.: 5204240

#### CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES

Facility Accreditation Number: M0536

is a South African National Accreditation System accredited facility provided that all conditions and requirements are complied with

This certificate is valid as per the scope as stated in the accompanying schedule of accreditation,

Annexure "A", bearing the above accreditation number for

MEDICAL TESTING LABORATORY
CHEMISTRY, ENDOCRINOLOGY, HAEMATOLOGY,
MICROBIOLOGY, MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, SEROLOGY AND
TUBERCULOSIS

The facility is accredited in accordance with the recognised International Standard

#### ISO 15189:2012

The accreditation demonstrates technical competency for a defined scope and the operation of a quality management system

While this certificate remains valid, the accredited facility named above is authorised to use the relevant accreditation symbol to issue facility reports and/or certificates

Mr R Josias Chief Executive Officer

Effective Date: 07 November 2017 Certificate Expires: 06 November 2021

# **ELEMENTS OF ACCREDITATION**



Accreditation body

-Standards



Accreditation:
Delivering Global Confidence

Assessors

Laboratory





# ISO





world's largest developer and publisher of international standards

standards are applicable to many kinds of organizations including clinical and public health laboratories

# **SLIPTA**



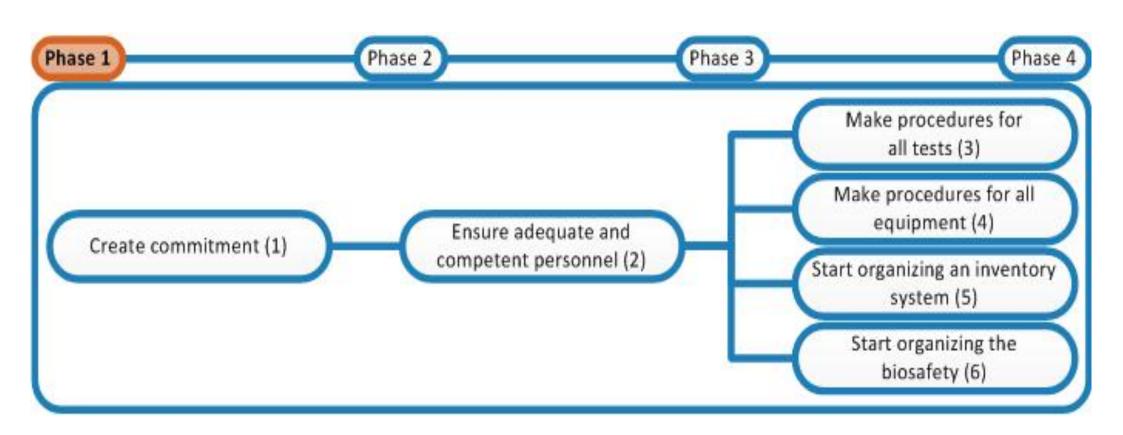


WHO guidelines Stepwise Laboratory
Improvement Process Towards Accreditation in African region.

Provides framework to strengthen laboratory quality

# SLIPTA PHASE I





# Organisation Activities Phase I

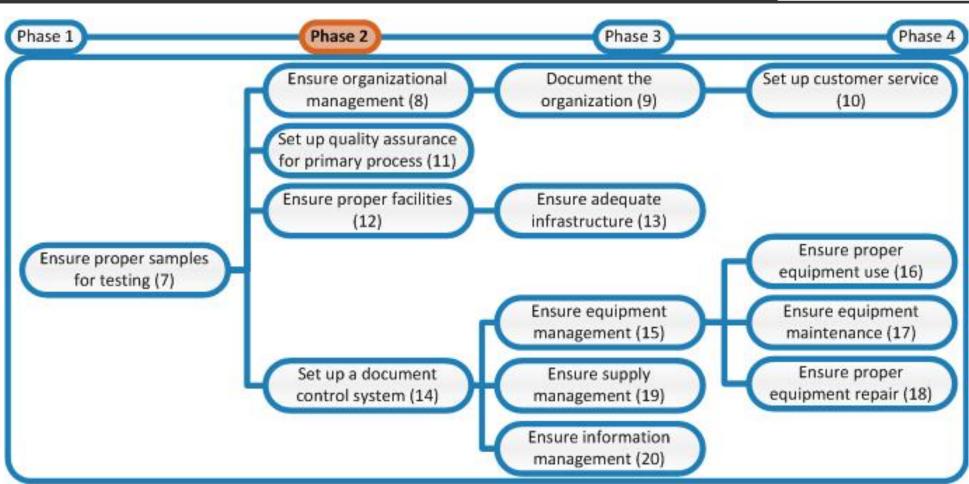




- Quality Management team
- Make action plan with SMART
- Organise staff meetings (Weekly)
- Appoint Biosafety officer
- Appointment Equipment officer
- Stock management officer
- Make organogram

# SLIPTA PHASE II





# PHASE II PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES





Competency Assessments

Induction programme

Performance appraisals

Staff files

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# **SLIPTA PHASE III**



Phase 4 Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 Optimize personnel Optimize customer service (22) management (21) Optimize facilities and safety (23)Optimize purchasing and inventory (25) Optimize support Optimize document control systems (24) (26)Optimize information management (27) Monitor action plan implementation (30) Set up the management cycle (29) Develop the quality year plan for next year (31) Lay the foundation for the Develop the quality manual management cycle (28) (32)Establish the audit system (33) Validate methods (34)

# PHASE III PROCESS MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES





Determine TAT

Monitor adherence to TAT

Validation SOP

Validate all processes

# **QUALITY AUDIT**



- ISO 15189 and 17025 emphasise internal audits
- Audit training for QM/auditors

- Must have audit programme
- 12 months audit programme

Auditors independent of activity

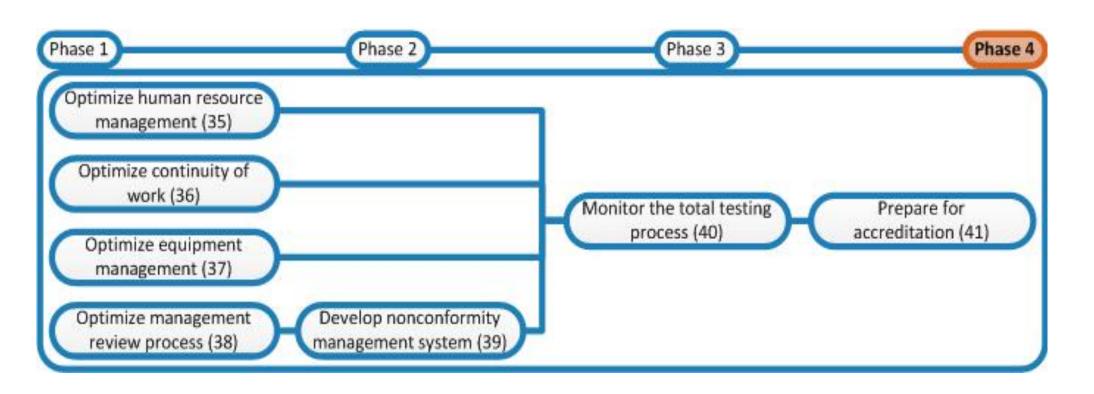
Conduct audits

- Document audits
- Retain audit reports
- Report audits to management
- Promptly address findings

- Formulate action plan
- Write an internal audit SOP

# **SLIPTA PHASE IV**





## PHASE IV PERSONNELACTIVITIES





- Staff complement
- Procedure for new staff
- Education needs
- Continuous professional development
- Failure mode effect analysis (FMEA)

# ACCREDITATION PROCESS



 Formal recognition that a testing or calibration laboratory is competent to carry out specific tests or calibrations

Competent"

**Specific tests or calibrations** 

- Accreditation is having a Management System and demonstrating competency
- Laboratories are accredited for specific tests or calibrations and particular products and test or calibration specifications

# COMMON STANDARDS



- CERTIFICATION
  - -ISO 9001:2015
  - -ISO 14000
- ACCREDITATION
  - -ISO 17025
  - -ISO 15189:2012
- REGULATIONS
  - USA CLIA
  - French GBEA
  - UN Transport of Dangerous Goods





# ISO/IEC 17025



- Enables laboratories to demonstrate they:
  - Operate competently
  - Generate valid results
  - Testing and calibration
  - Does not cover safety operations

# ISO 15189:2012



- Specify requirements for:
  - Medical Laboratories
  - Quality Management processes
  - Technical processes
  - Administrative systems

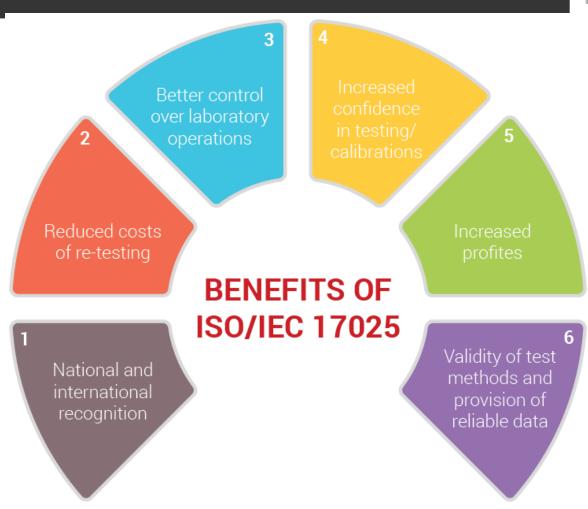
# **ACCREDITATION STEPS**



- Application
- On-site assessment
- Deficiencies
- Proficiency testing
- Accreditation decisions
- Annual review
- Re-assessment/Renewal of accreditation

# BENEFITS OF ACCREDITATION





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