

NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE COMMISSION (NBSC)
AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA FOR BLOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

The NBSC Act. 2021 vested on the Commission the Sole duty of regulating Blood Services in Nigeria. It is therefore mandatory that all blood establishments nationwide to be appropriately registered.

To get registered, the authorization criteria shall be that a blood establishment must be inspected and certified after meeting all the requirements as highlighted in the NBSC website @ www.nbsc.gov.ng including payment of the applicable fees as prescribed by the commission.

The Commission approved levels of blood establishment and its operational activities as Authorization Criteria. The approved categorization levels are; Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Blood Establishment levels based on structure, range of personnel, equipment and the services rendered.

The activities in the three levels are:

1. Primary blood establishment level with the following activities:
 - a. Blood collection centers only.
 - b. Transfer of collected blood units to facilities that screen.
 - c. Storage of screened products for use or transfer to facilities within vicinity.
 - d. Health facility that only transfuses blood.
2. Secondary blood establishment level with the following activities:
 - a. Blood Collection
 - b. Blood screening for TTIs (minimum ELISA method)
 - c. Blood grouping- ABO, Rh D

- d. Blood storage
 - e. Full cross match.
 - f. Blood transfusion
3. Tertiary establishment level with the following activities:
- a. All the activities of the Secondary BEs, Plus
 - b. Fractionation using plasma extractor, refrigerated centrifuge or apheresis
 - c. Distribution of blood and blood components
 - d. Production of Plasma Derived Medical Products (PDMPs)

Haemovigilance and Research cut across all levels of blood establishments.

The Commission also approved the following (reviewed) charges as payment for registration fees and other services:

1. Blood Establishments will pay registration and other related fees in the same category irrespective of the location of services.
2. Blood Establishments at all level of categorization shall pay an Application Form fee of fifty thousand naira (#50,000) only.
3. Primary Level Blood Establishment shall pay registration fee of one hundred thousand naira (#100,000) only.
4. Secondary Level Blood Establishment shall pay registration fee of two hundred thousand naira (#200,000) only.
5. Tertiary Level Blood Establishments shall pay registration fee of three hundred thousand naira (#300,000) only.
6. Renewal of registration fee shall be annual.
7. Blood Establishments must renew their registration by 31st December of every year as late registration will be considered from 1st January of the new year.

8. Late registration will attract doubling the registration fee (as a minimum) plus possible additional penalty to be determined by the Commission.
9. Blood Establishments upgrading from **primary to secondary** or from **secondary to tertiary** levels shall pay the approved registration fees of the new level.
10. Blood Establishments shall be responsible for all the travelling logistics and other expenses during inspections of their facilities for the purpose of authorization/ accreditation only (as to be communicated by the Commission).

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