

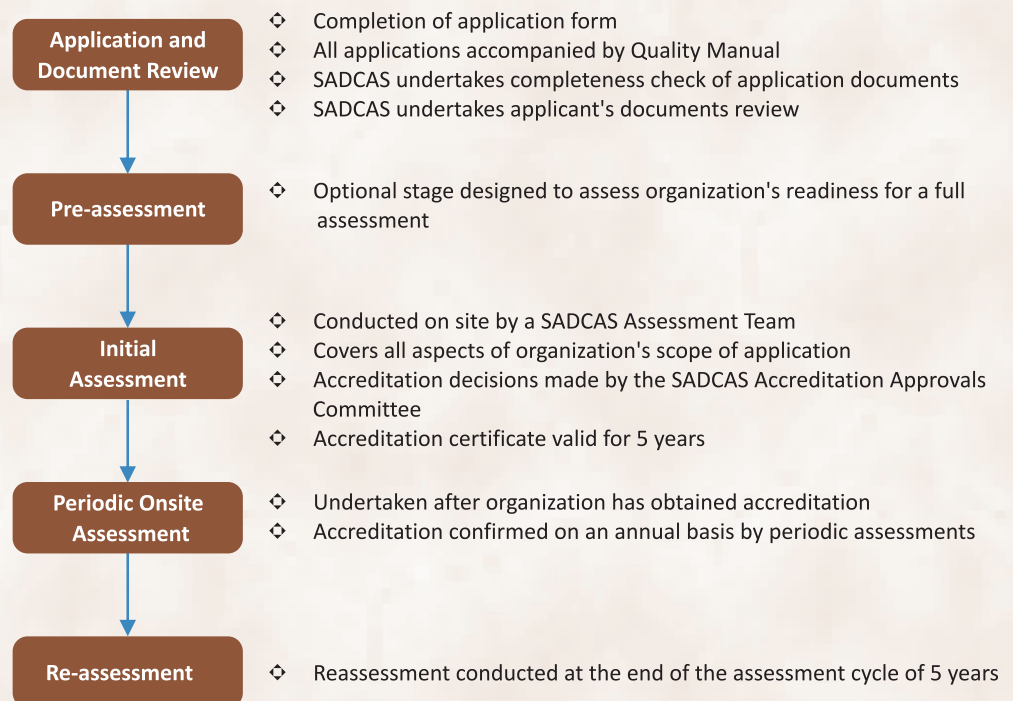
# Accreditation Process

The Southern African Development Community Accreditation Service (SADCAS) offers accreditation schemes for testing, calibration medical laboratories, certification bodies (management systems/product/personnel) and inspection bodies.

Accreditation is granted to conformity assessment service providers who have demonstrated that they fully meet the requirements of the relevant international standards. Accreditation services are offered to organizations within the Southern African Development Community.

## Route To Accreditation

SADCAS accreditation is achieved through five stages



## SADCAS Fee Structure

- ◇ **Application fee** - Paid after acceptance of quotation and submission of accreditation application documents. Application fee includes one document review. Application fees is not refundable should applicant withdraw its application.
- ◇ **Pre-assessment and Initial Assessment fee** – Fee based on 2 assessor units. One assessor unit is one visit by one person for one day. Assessment Team travel and subsistence costs will also be charged to the applicant. Where more than 2 assessors are required, the full cost of the additional assessor(s) will be charged to the applicant.
- ◇ **Annual Accreditation fee** – Charged after an organization has achieved accreditation. Fee is based on 2 assessor units. Where more than 2 assessors are required, full cost of additional assessor(s) will be charged to the applicant.



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**OR**

The National Accreditation Focal Point based in the SADC Member States serviced by SADCAS. Refer to the website [www.sadcas.org](http://www.sadcas.org) for the contact details of National Accreditation Focal Points

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