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A 3-DAY ASSESSOR TRAINING COURSE ON ISO 15189 (MEDICAL TESTING LABORATORIES) IN ENUGU FROM 25TH - 27TH JUNE, 2019.

1. BACKGROUND

Nigeria National Accreditation Service, NiNAS, provides a variety of international accreditation services to Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) in accordance with standards published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). NiNAS has achieved full membership of African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC), Associate Membership of International Laboratory Accreditation (ILAC) and Affiliate membership of International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF).

NiNAS is committed to responding to the demands of Nigeria economy in providing accreditation services to conformity assessment bodies in scopes that would be strategic in boosting trade, ensuring the ease of doing business, and generation and retention of foreign revenue. There is a current need to respond to the demands coming from the medical laboratory sector of our conformity assessment business.

The Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN) is a Federal Government Statutory Regulatory Agency established by Act 11 of 2003 to regulate the practice of medical laboratory science in Nigeria; determine from time to time the standard of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to become Medical Laboratory Scientists, Medical Laboratory Technicians and Medical Laboratory Assistants (referred to as Scientists, Technicians and Assistants); regulate the training of Scientists,

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Technicians and Assistants in any institutions in Nigeria and give periodic accreditation to institutions; provide and maintain separate register for Scientists, Technicians and Assistants; regulate the production, importation, sales and stocking of diagnostic laboratory reagents and chemicals; assess, evaluate and register foreign graduates of Medical Laboratory Science; conduct examinations for Technicians and Assistants; inspect, regulate and accredit Medical Laboratories(Public and Private)and perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by the Act.

In collaboration with the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria (MLSCN), NiNAS is organising a three-day assessor training programme on ISO 15189 standard from June 25th to 27th June, 2019. ISO 15189:2012 *Medical laboratories - Requirements for quality and competence* can be used by medical laboratories in developing their quality management systems and assessing their own competence. It can also be used for confirming or recognising the competence of medical laboratories by laboratory customers, regulatory authorities and accreditation bodies.

2.OBJECTIVES OF THIS ASSESSOR TRAINING:

NiNAS began the accreditation of bodies providing Medical Laboratory Services in 2018. As part of many activities and events towards improving quality of service delivered by medical laboratories, NiNAS will be holding a three day Assessors Training course to understand the requirements for competence in medical laboratories and process of accreditation for medical laboratories/bodies on ISO 15189:2012 from June 25th to 27th, 2019 at Enugu.

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3. BENEFITS OF THIS ASSESSOR TRAINING:

The assessors training course will enable the delegates gain knowledge of the particular requirements for competence in medical laboratories clinical services, as defined in the ISO 15189:2012 standard, and used as the criteria for accreditation. Participants will also gain a practical understanding of the assessment methodology used by the Nigeria National Accreditation Service, NiNAS in line with requirements of International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation, ILAC and African Accreditation Cooperation, AFRAC. The course will be delivered through a combination of lectures, exercises and role play.

Recommended Participants:

The training course is open to those who are currently active practitioners in medical laboratories and those with previous laboratory assessment experience provided that they are active on the bench, and wish to become involved in the assessment of medical laboratories using ISO 15189:2012 as a basis for accreditation. Technical assessors will be selected from the participants that have technical and clinical expertise, and are currently practicing in the medical laboratory science and related fields. However, those with previous training as lead assessors for ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation and have a background in medical laboratory science may be considered for the position of lead assessors for ISO 15189 accreditation after the training. Those that have attended training as ISO 15189 lead assessors from ILAC/AFRAC MRA Signatory or Full Members may also be considered for the position of lead assessors.

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In addition to the requirements outlined above, intending participants must meet the requirements set out by any law of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with regard to the practice of medical laboratory science.

3. VENUE AND DATE OF EVENT:

Date: 25th to 27th June, 2019.

Venue:

BON HOTEL SUNSHINE ENUGU -PLOT C5 PRESIDENTIAL ROAD, INDEPENDENCE LAYOUT ENUGU, ENUGU STATE. (Participants are to make their own accommodation arrangement).

Hotel Accommodation Reservation:

You may wish to request for a room reservation at the same venue/Hotel with a discounted room rate. Kindly reach out through +2347066838942 or email:

k.esemonu@ninas.ng for more information.

4. Fees.

Registration Fee -Early from date of publication to 17th June, 2019 N150,000

Registration Fee -Late 18th June to 21st June, 2019 N195,000

Payment Method Naira:



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BANK TRANSFER All charges to be borne by the applicant, to the order of the Nigeria National Accreditation Service.

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4.2 Other Information

a) Language

The training will be conducted in English.

b) Confirmation and Participation

All communications regarding the training should be addressed to NiNAS (see the contact details below).

c) Certification

Certificate will be issued to those who arrived on time and participated fully during the discussion. Those wishing to receive certificate of Participation must register



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before the deadline to enable the secretariat produce the certificate. We may not guarantee issuance of certificate to those registering at the venue.

d) General guide

It is important to note that all applicants are required to possess requisite medical laboratory training recognized by MLSCN or an equivalent to be considered for participation. *Qualified participants may be selected for future trainings towards their qualification as NiNAS Assessors on this scope.*

e) Registration

kindly click on the link below to register. Ensure to attach all relevant credentials (You may be disqualified if no requisite credential is attached).

Online Registration link:

<https://ninas.ng/our-services/training/iso-151892012-3-days-assessor-training/>

4.3 Contacts

For queries regarding the training, please contact:

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The programme of Event:

Program of event will be made available on or before the training date.