

BID REFERENCE:		CCI_GF_1105_01
Nr.	Enquiry/Question	Response
1	Enquiry about the accreditation requirements for the 10-Day HIV Testing Services (HTS) Training as outlined in the advert. The advert specifies that the training must be accredited.	Please note that, as stipulated in the Request for Applications (RFA), the appointed Service Provider is required to be accredited to provide the HTS training programme.
2.	Organisations previously accredited by the Health and Welfare SETA (HWSETA) for HIV Counselling and Testing (HTS), along with several other programmes. However, the SETAs have since issued a memo indicating that historic qualifications and skills programmes are being phased out and migrated to the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO).	CCI acknowledges the ongoing transition from HWSETA legacy qualifications and skills programmes to the QCTO framework, as well as the challenges currently being experienced within the sector regarding the migration of HTS-related programmes. However, for purposes of this procurement process, bidders are still expected to demonstrate valid and recognised accreditation and/or programme approval relevant to the provision of HIV Testing Services training in South Africa. Supporting documentation confirming such accreditation or recognition should form part of the submission.
3	At present, many programmes have not yet fully transitioned to QCTO accreditation and are therefore not currently available as accredited courses. HIV Counselling and Testing is one of the programmes affected by this transition.	Service Providers are encouraged to clearly outline their accreditation status, transition arrangements where applicable, and any alternative compliance mechanisms recognised by the relevant regulatory authorities.
4	We would therefore appreciate your guidance regarding the proposed accreditation requirements for this training. As well as understanding whether a creative implementation model is viewed as a competitive advantage within this specific Request for Applications	With regards to the proposed creative implementation model, this may be considered an added advantage provided that it remains aligned to the scope of work, training objectives, quality standards, and competency requirements outlined in the RFA. Evaluation will, however, be conducted in accordance with the approved technical and compliance criteria contained in the advert.