

Eligibility for Accreditation

All hospitals licensed to practice in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are eligible for CBAHI accreditation. However, eligibility for conduction of a survey visit is contingent upon fulfilling all of the following requirements:

- The hospital meets all licensing requirements to operate (and therefore, has a valid license when applicable), as indicated by the statutes and regulations of the Ministry of Health.
- The hospital meets any additional licensing requirements as indicated by other relevant authorities (Most notably, valid certificate from the Civil Defense, and any radiation-related licensing requirements from King Abdul Aziz City for Science & Technology).
- The hospital meets the legal definition of a hospital as per the regulations of the Ministry of Health and the international guidelines in this regard :
 - Licensed as a hospital under the law governing healthcare institutions in Saudi Arabia.
 - Has an organized medical staff and continuous nursing services under the supervision of registered nurses.
 - Maintains permanent and full time facilities that include inpatient beds for the care of overnight resident patients, i.e. bed and board.
 - Provides diagnosis (has laboratory and radiology services) and medical or surgical treatment primarily for, but not limited to, acutely sick and injured patients. (This manual is not for facilities providing treatment for patients with mental illness or providing treatment in special inpatient care facilities e.g. long term care facilities).
 - Provides emergency and intensive care services.
- The hospital provides healthcare services addressed by the CBAHI's National Hospital Standards.
- The hospital has been in operation for at least (12) months before the on-site survey.

Effective Date of the National Hospital Standards Manual- 3rd Edition

The effective date of this third edition of the National Hospital Standards is the first of January 2016. This is the date after which all surveys and accreditation decisions will be based on this third edition of the National Hospital Standards. This applies to hospitals seeking accreditation by CBAHI for the first time as well as hospitals already accredited by CBAHI based on older editions of the hospital standards.