

Deferral Period for Blood Donation based on Sexual Behaviours In Selected Countries

Blood Donation Body	Male-to-male sex		Paid sex		Others (sexual activity or condition)	
	Men who have had male-to-male sex (MSM)	Women who have had sex with MSM	Sex workers	Individuals who have had sex with a sex worker	Permanent Deferral	Temporary Deferral
Hong Kong Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	Permanent	1 year	Permanent	1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex partner is HIV positive - Sex with multiple partners 	1 Year for those who have had sex with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Person at risk of HIV infection - Person suspected to be HIV infected
China Shanghai Blood Center	Permanent ¹	Permanent ¹	Permanent	Permanent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homosexual and their spouses - Sex with multiple partners 	
Taiwan Organization of the Chinese Blood Donation Association	Permanent ¹	(Not specified as a group for deferral)	Permanent	2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex with multiple partners - Homosexuals and Bisexuals 	2 years for those who have had sex with a stranger
Singapore Singapore Blood Transfusion Service	Permanent ²	Permanent ²	Permanent	Permanent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex with multiple partners - Casual sex - Sex with someone who is at risk of HIV infection 	
Japan Japan Red Cross Society	1 year	1 year	(Not specified as a group for deferral)	(Not specified as a group for deferral)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sex with unstable sex partners 	
Australia Australian Red Cross Blood Service	1 year (Including sex with bisexual men)	1 year (Including sex with bisexual men)	1 year	1 year		

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New Zealand New Zealand Blood Service	10 years ³	1 year	10 years	1 year		1 year for those who have had sex with someone who is at risk of HIV infection
US American Red Cross	Permanent ²	Permanent ²	Permanent ²	1 year	– Sex with anyone who was born or lived in Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Niger, or Nigeria since 1977.	1 year for those who: – Have been raped – Have had sex with someone who is at risk of HIV infection
Canada Canada Blood Services	Permanent ²	Permanent ²	Permanent ²	Permanent ²	– Sex with a person at risk of HIV infection	1 year for those who have had sexual contact with a person with hepatitis in the last year.
UK UK National Blood Service	Permanent ³	1 year	Permanent	1 year		1 year for those who – Have had sex with someone who is at risk of HIV infection – Have been sexually active in Africa (apart from Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia or Egypt)

Notes:

¹ MSM is not specified as a group for deferral but since homosexual men are permanently deferred, MSM are likely to be treated the same.

² Applicable to those who have engaged in such sexual activity from 1977.

³ Deferral period is applicable to MSM even if they claimed to practice safe sex by using condoms.