

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) | |
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| | 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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.