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**VEHICLE TESTING STATION
INSPECTORATE**

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- ❑ **SABS appointment as the Inspectorate of Vehicle test stations**
- ❑ **Initial Evaluation process and creation of the Quality Assurance System (QMS)**
- ❑ **Initial Provisional Registration status of existing Vehicle Testing Stations (expired 1998)**

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HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF THE INDUSTRY

- **Provincial VTS's**
- **Municipal VTS's**
- **Private VTS's (allowed since 1990)**
- **SABS appointed as Inspectorate of VTS's in 1990**

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SABS Inspectorate as the Inspectorate of Vehicle Test Stations – role & responsibilities

- **no conflict of interest**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Responsible for maintaining and improving standard to Best international Practice**

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SABS Auditors – internal registration process, training, mentoring and peer reviews

- **Minimum qualifications as determined by Minister of Transport and in accordance with MOA**
- **Internal training and registration**
- **Peer reviews**

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Mandate of the Inspectorate

- Determine the suitability and grading of new VTS's in terms of Legislation (NRTA 93/1996)
- Evaluate each VTS minimum of once per annum
- Monitor Standards applied at VTS's
- Advise VTS's on maintenance and improvement of facilities and procedures
- Shall, when necessary, recommend to the MEC the suspension or cancellation of a VTS
- May at any reasonable time inspect and test any motor vehicle at any VTS
- May without prior notice enter/inspect any VTS and question personnel on operational matters at VTS

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Initial evaluation process and creation of the Quality Assurance System in terms of the South African National Standard

- New applications (notification from Province)**
- VTS upgrades (notification from Province)**
- Conduct Information sessions in Provinces on their request**
- Do statistical analysis of test data, and subsequent investigations related to the results. (eNaTIS)**

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Initial Provisional registration status of existing Vehicle Test Stations

- **Currently facing a challenge with regard to some VTS's in some Provinces that still does not comply, and does suspend or cancel the registration of non-compliant VTS's**

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**Maintaining and improving the
Standard to Best International Practice**

- QMS (constant improval)**
- Corrective action and focus on
preventative action to stop
repetitive bahaviour from VTS's.**

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The involvement of the Inspectorate in SADC and other Committees

- **Standard Committees and NDOT Vehicle Technical Committees**
- **Harmonization of SANS Standards in SADC countries**
- **Road safety conference and Road Safety Initiatives toward a decade of action (WHO)**

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Consumer Protection Act and the Test Station Industry – Service delivery

- Complaints**
- Technical inquiries**
- Investigations**

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□ FUTURE – Strategic Initiatives

- Periodic vehicle testing – increased capacity
- Technology (cameras to record transactions)
- Improve and maintain the culture of 3% payment
- Influence the harmonizing of Provincial Testing fee's
- Improve service delivery to all stakeholders
- Improve productivity (combine N/P audits with VTS audits)
- Capacitate VTS auditors to accept work for other BU's

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□ CHALLENGES

- **Proliferation of VTS' – moratorium?**
- **Commercial interest versus integrity**
- **Trust versus control**
- **Legal compliance enforcement by proprietors and management representatives**

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



Thank you

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