

What you need to know about South African (SAHPRA) submissions

Updates

- In 2013, the South African authority SAHPRA started accepting submissions in eCTD format for pharmaceuticals. They included an enhanced granularity in Modul 3.2.R which should be technically built with node extensions and subfolders.
- In 2019, SAHPRA introduced the additional “eSubmission” format, which will be accepted for a limited time. The acceptance of eSubmission ended on 31st March, 2022.
- In 2020, SAHPRA updated section 3.2.R with new titles, but no update of the specification and eCTD structure. The previous titles can still be used in eCTD submission. We can guide you with the transitions in South African eCTD submissions. In 2024, SAHPRA has enhanced the submission process via portal and updated the eCTD standard.

Master File (APIMF)

APIMF number (Dossier ID) allocated after submission

Open and closed part

Request SAHPRA portal access for closed part

Document formatting

CTD compilation and publishing format

Submission Form via e-mail. APIMF document via SAHPRA submission portal.

Pharmaceuticals and biologicals

Application number request before submission to SAHPRA

Document formatting

eCTD compilation and publishing

Conversion to eCTD format

Validation ZA Validation rules

Submission (DVD/CD/USB)

Submission via SAHPRA eCTD portal

Clinical Trial Application

Predetermined dates for submission and obtain proof of delivery

Contact CTU (Clinical Trials Unit) to inform about submission

Application form accompanied by the prescribed fee

Document formatting in PDF

Communication via e-mail

CTC (Clinical Trials Committee) meeting to discuss reports



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- Non-clinical and clinical development
- CMC
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- Vigilance
- eSubmissions
- Data management



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