



MSM deferral - update 6 December 2019

Deferral: the act of delaying, postponing

Listed here are all types of deferral after last sexual contact with a man, be them for risky behaviours, for MSM with no multiple partners, or otherwise indicated in the Remarks

Country	Deferral/right to be blood donors	Remarks
Austria	MSM cannot be blood donors	1-year deferral soon to be implemented
Belgium	1 year	
Bulgaria	<i>No deferral</i>	<i>Source: Wikipedia</i>
Croatia	MSM cannot be blood donors	
Czech Republic	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Source: Wikipedia</i>
Denmark	1 year	4-month deferral planned for the near future
Estonia	1 year	
Finland	1 year	
France	1 year	April 2020: 4-month deferral
Germany	1 year	
Greece	MSM cannot be blood donors	
Hungary	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Source: Wikipedia</i>
Iceland	MSM cannot be blood donors	1-year deferral planned for the future
Ireland	1 year	
Italy	4 months	
Latvia	No specific deferral for MSM ¹	
Lithuania	MSM cannot be blood donors	
Luxembourg	MSM cannot be blood donors	
Malta	1 year	
the Netherlands	4 months	From 1st of July 2019, Sanquin's deferral period for MSM is shortened from 6 to 4 months. This change in deferral is only applicable to labile products, not for plasma for fractionation.
Northern Ireland	1 year	

¹ Latvia: deferral for everyone with high risk of acquiring serious infectious diseases due to sexual behaviour, heterosexual or homosexual, based on donor questionnaire



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Norway	1 year	In practice: are accepted those who are not sexually active or those who have tried MSM and then have a heterosexual partner later.
Portugal	1 year	
Romania	MSM cannot be blood donors	
Serbia	6 months	from last anal sexual - hetero or homo- contact)
Slovakia	1 year	<i>Source: Wikipedia</i>
Slovenia	MSM cannot be blood donors	
Spain	4 months	
Sweden	1 year	
Switzerland	1 year	
UK (rest of)	3 months	
Australia	1 year	
Canada	3 months	
USA	1 year	