

## National Quality Assurance Standards

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### National Quality Assurance Standards Latest News

Recently, a total of 50,373 public health facilities across all States and Union Territories have been certified under the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS).

### About National Quality Assurance Standards

- It is a comprehensive quality framework established by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)**.
- It is aimed at ensuring and enhancing the **quality of healthcare services** provided at public health facilities.
- The **NQAS began in 2015** with just **10 certified healthcare facilities**.
- It was initially focusing on **District Hospitals** to ensure safe, patient-centric, and quality-assured services.
- NQAS are currently available for **District Hospitals**, Sub-District Hospitals, Community Health **Centres**, **Ayushman Arogya Mandir**-PHCs, AAM-UPHCs, and AAM-Sub Health Centres.

- **Purpose:** These standards are primarily meant for **providers to assess their own quality** for improvement through pre-defined standards and to bring up their facilities for certification.
- These are broadly arranged under **8 “Areas of Concern” namely;**
  - Service Provision, Patient Rights, Inputs, Support Services, Clinical Care, Infection Control, Quality Management and Outcome

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