

COMMON QUESTIONS

About Donor Eligibility

If you have a question regarding donor eligibility that isn't answered here, please call Donor Services at **713-791-6608** or email medops@giveblood.org. You can also scan the QR code for additional questions about eligibility.



Can I donate if...

Q | I just got a tattoo or body piercing?

Yes, you can donate one week after getting a tattoo or piercing in a state-licensed facility.

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Q | I am on antibiotics?

Yes, you can donate 48 hours after you complete your medication and are symptom free.

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Q | I have high blood pressure?

Yes, you can donate if your blood pressure is controlled.

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Q | I had cancer?

There is a 1-year waiting period after completing treatment for melanoma and internal cancers, except lymphoma and leukemia, which are permanent deferrals. For minor external skin cancers, such as basal or squamous cell, you are eligible to donate 2 weeks after the cancer is removed.

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Q | I have recently had a pregnancy/miscarriage?

Yes, you can donate six weeks after the end of your pregnancy.

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Q | I had surgery?

Yes, you can donate. If you had a blood transfusion, you are deferred for one year.

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Q | I have a thyroid condition?

Yes, you can donate if thyroid is controlled by medication.

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Q | I have traveled outside the United States?

Please bring dates and locations for everywhere you have been if you have traveled outside the United States or Canada within the last 12 months, or if you have lived outside the United States or Canada during the last three years.

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Q | I have diabetes?

Yes. You can donate if you are feeling well, regardless of blood sugar level.

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To schedule your donation, call
1(888) 482-5663 or visit giveblood.org

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