

The Joint Professional Bodies
Qualified Persons Eligibility Scheme

News Bulletin

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The Joint Professional Bodies are committed to keeping in touch with the Qualified Person's community and will be updating this page with a quarterly newsletter to share relevant updates and information about the QP eligibility scheme.

QP Symposium

The Joint Professional Bodies have made the difficult decision to post-pone the 2021 QP Symposium until 2022 in the hope of being able to run an in-person event. While we are conscious that 2020 brought much to talk about, including the impact of COVID-19 and Brexit on the QP role, we are still very much in the eye of the storm. Postponing until 2022 sets us up with an opportunity to reflect on these challenges, and to share learnings, hopefully face-to-face. We look forward to seeing you in 2022.

Update on Brexit

In preparation for Brexit, the Joint Professional Bodies initiated a Study Guide review in Q2 of 2020, undertaken by a panel of assessors from each of the three professional bodies. The key aims of the panel are firstly, to conduct an overall review of, and update to, the Study Guide's contents and secondly to make amendments in response to the UK – EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement and subsequent changes in the legislation brought about by Brexit. This process is complex and will take time, with an updated version of the Study Guide anticipated to be completed later this year.

FAQ's have been prepared to act as guidance whilst this review is underway which are located on each professional body's website. We will also communicate any updates through this quarterly newsletter as well as on our websites.

Update on the assessment process

Supporting our members, the wider profession and the public through this challenging time is our priority. All Qualified Person applications are now being accepted electronically and a virtual assessment process, approved by the MHRA and VMD, is in operation.

To date, 11 virtual assessments have been completed and a further 16 are already booked. All candidates who have been approved for interview are being offered a date between January and May 2021.

The virtual viva process is working well and will remain in place until further notice. Feedback from candidates who have gone through the virtual process has been positive.