

# Malta Qualified Persons Association



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**Membership:** Total of 29 members  
[22 Full Members and 7 Associate Members]  
[20 pharmacy graduates and 9 science graduates]

### **Mission:**

To support Qualified Persons and Qualified Persons for Pharmacovigilance in Malta, and to strive to maintain high professional standards in the interest of Qualified Persons, Qualified Persons for Pharmacovigilance, the pharmaceutical industry, and society in general.

### **Degree Courses permitting practice of Qualified Person status:**

#### Undergraduate courses:

All members hold a first degree in pharmacy or science, as provided by Article 49 of Directive 2001/83/EC. Currently, the University of Malta offers a degree in pharmacy as a 4-year Bachelor of Science (Pharmaceutical Sciences), followed by a 1-year Master of Pharmacy, offered by the Department of Pharmacy of the Faculty of Medicine & Surgery, and a degree in science as a 4-year Bachelor of Science (Honours), wherein specializations in Chemistry and Biology are offered by the Departments of Chemistry and Biology, respectively, of the Faculty of Science, or a 3-year Bachelor of Science (Honours), with specialization in Chemistry.

#### Postgraduate courses:

The University of Malta offers three postgraduate courses which are targeted towards the pharmaceutical industry: a one-year full-time Master of Pharmacy and a one-year full-time Master of Science in Pharmacy offered by the Department of Pharmacy, and a three-year part-time Master of Science in Applied Chemistry, offered by the Department of Chemistry.

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## **Activities**

### 1. Consultations

The MQPA's efforts on consultation continued to be dedicated to the implementation of the Delegated Regulation on Safety Features, in particular the setting up of an NMVO and national repository. The MQPA signed the Memorandum of Understanding along with a number of other social partners, and has participated in meeting to arrive at an agreement on the Statutes of the Organisation, which are soon to be signed. The MQPA will be joining the Organisation as an Associate Member.

The MQPA also attended the Heads of Medicines Agencies Human Stakeholders meeting held in Malta.

### 2. Pharmacy Council

The Secretary of the Association continued to represent Qualified Persons on the Pharmacy Council.

### 3. Higher Education

The Malta Qualified Persons Association continued to form part of the Board of Studies of the University of Malta's Master of Science in Applied Chemistry, through the presence of the Registrar of the Association on the Board.

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