

Malta Qualified Persons Association



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Membership: Total of 30 members
[23 Full Members and 7 Associate Members]
[21 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 submitted feedback to the Consultation Document on the Transposition of Commission Directive (EU) 2017/1572 of 15 September 2017 supplementing Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practice for medicinal products for human use.

The MQPA's main 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 Statutes of the Malta Medicines Verification Organisation (MaMVO), joining as an Associate Member. The MQPA attended numerous meetings of the MaMVO, as well as meetings with the Medicines Authority on the topic.

The MQPA also kept a watching brief on the impact of Brexit on the local pharmaceutical sector and the ramifications of these events for Qualified Persons 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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