

# Malta Qualified Persons Association



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**Membership:** Total of 34 members  
[27 Full Members and 7 Associate Members]  
[24 pharmacy graduates and 10 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. Pharmacy Council

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

### 2. 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.

### 3. Malta Medicines Verification Organisation (MaMVO)

The MQPA's main activities throughout the year have concentrated on the implementation of the Delegated Regulation within MaMVO, where the MQPA is represented by the President. MQPA is active in a number of committees in this regard, including the MaMVO Project Review Board, as well as the National Blueprint System QA Group (*composed of the QA Managers of all NMVOs using the same NBS provider as Malta*) and the National Blueprint System IT Group (*composed of the IT Managers of all NMVOs using the same NBS provider as Malta*).

Additionally MQPA is involved in the development of MaMVO's Alert Management System, involving, amongst other actions, providing input on behalf of MaMVO to EMVO's Impact Monitoring Report. MQPA also represents MaMVO in a smaller group (*including UK, Ireland, Cyprus, Malta and EMVO*) assessing the impact of Brexit on the European Medicines Verification System, and any changes that will need to be made to the system to mitigate this effect.

In line with the above the MQPA has made a number of presentations representing the stakeholder community to local end users, as well as within EFPIA-MfE EMVO meetings in Brussels and online telcons amongst stakeholders.

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