



NSF LAUNCHES FURTHER QUALIFIED PERSON TRAINING IN 2019

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What does the future hold for the Qualified Person (QP) post-Brexit? There has been much debate on this matter.

We do know that all EU centralized marketing authorizations must be held by a legal entity within the EU and that QP certification must occur in the EU. The role of the QP is already in UK law (SI 2012-1916) and the UK is expected to retain the role of the QP post-Brexit. It does mean however that EU QPs may no longer be able to accept certification by UK QPs and vice versa. The result of all of this is that there will be a growing need for more QPs both in the UK and in the EU.

NSF has been running QP training courses for 28 years. With 177 training modules, over 4,000 delegates and a pass rate of 96 percent, we have just seen our 300th QP pass their viva! Congratulations Alan Clark, Global Technical Director & QP, Health Supply, Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare UK.

NSF currently runs 12 modules, meeting the requirements of the UK QP Study Guide, over a 21-month period. With the demand for this training increasing and delegates attending from overseas as well as the EU, additional courses will be launched from January 2019 in both London and Brighton. This will provide the opportunity for all 12 modules to be completed over a 12-month period, providing flexibility and choice of location to the delegate.

In June and September of 2018, we ran a seminar in each of our new locations, which were well attended, and we received some great feedback on the new venues. Topics covered included a pharmaceutical law and Brexit update, as well as an overview of document simplification methods and techniques. There were plenty of discussions on the challenges that industry faces; with deviations and CAPA, serialization, pharmacovigilance, data integrity and Annex 1, as some of the frequently named topics.



Modules can be taken in any order, or alternatively can be used as a stand-alone course for CPD. For those taking all modules, there will still be the opportunity to gain postgraduate qualifications, from a Postgraduate Certificate to an MSc, awarded by the University of Strathclyde.

The teaching and learning on the courses is highly interactive, using a combination of lectures, discussion scenarios and teamwork, which provide a context to help with decision making, a prerequisite for the future QP. There are also additional site visits planned to pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities in the UK to see the real-life application of what has been learned.

For more information on our QP training, visit www.nsf.org/info/qptraining or email QPpharma@nsf.org.

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