The Joint Professional Bodies

Qualified Persons Eligibility Scheme

Quarter 2 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.

Virtual Assessments

The assessment of applications for QP eligibility will be held virtually until further notice. The situation will be reviewed again in July. We are pleased to share that, at the time of publishing, we have conducted 27 virtual assessments and have received positive feedback from both the applicants and assessors involved in the process.

We have collected feedback from applicants through a post-assessment survey (with a response rate of 56%), the highlights of which are summarised below. Some minor practical considerations were highlighted, and these have been addressed in updated versions the guidance documents for applicants and assessors. Overall, the process has been well received.

| 73% of respondents gave their experience of the virtual assessment a 5-star rating (27% gave it 4 stars). |
| 100% of respondents found the technical test “Very helpful” |
| “Assessors did a great job of making me feel at ease” |
| “As per my experience, the process was very clear and well structured” |
| “Good experience and pleased we have managed to find an alternative to the usual assessment method in person” |

Study Guide Review

The Joint Professional Bodies initiated a Study Guide review in Q2 of 2020. The key aims of the review were 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 has recently been completed and a final draft is close to being approved by the MHRA, VMD and the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the JPB panel of assessors. Whilst there has been a major overhaul, there have not been any major changes regarding expected knowledge and these changes reflect an update as well as bringing the Study Guide into alignment with what candidates are already doing. We anticipate the finalised version to be published in the summer of 2021.

For those candidates still in the pre-application stage, applications under the old version of the Study Guide will still be accepted.

RPS Assessor Recruitment

The RPS and RSC will be launching a recruitment process for new QP Assessors to join the their respective QP Assessor Panel. Applications are likely to open in May/June 2021, with the role beginning in the Autumn of 2021. Please check the main RPS QP webpage and the RSC QP webpage for eligibility and application details.