

## **The Joint Professional Bodies**

### **Qualified Persons Eligibility Scheme**

#### **News Bulletin**

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*The Joint Professional Bodies (JPB) are committed to keeping in touch with the Qualified Person's community and will be updating this page with a regular newsletter to share relevant updates and information about the QP eligibility scheme.*

#### **UK vs EU Legislation**

Following the changes to the Study Guide in October 2021, we are now following the UK legislation as the primary legislative source. Whilst candidates are required to understand EU legislation and directives, following Brexit, candidates are expected to be following UK legislation as the primary source of QP legislation. Candidates should ensure that their knowledge and understanding of the roles and duties of a QP are based on the UK legislation and the associated statutory instruments.

#### **Qualified Person Interviews**

QP interviews are conducted face-to-face and are held in one of the three professional bodies' offices in Central London.

We appreciate that there may be some candidates who are unable to attend face to face interviews under exceptional circumstances. We will therefore consider requests for virtual interviews on a case-by-case basis. Please inform your QP Officer before you are invited to interview if you think this may apply to you.

#### **Registration Form**

It is now mandatory that all candidates register with their professional body before they intend submit their final application. This also applies to candidates who may have started compiling their application form prior to these updates. It is now a requirement to submit a registration form and request the new application and sponsor forms in all cases.

The registration form is available online and at a minimum, candidates will need to be a member of a professional body and have identified a sponsor to submit a form. Once a form is received, the QP Officer will check that:

- the candidate has the appropriate membership level;
- the candidate's qualification meets the legal requirements and;
- the candidate's sponsor(s) meet the requirements.

Once a candidate has successfully registered, they will receive a copy of the application and sponsor forms that they should use.

The registration process is free of charge and does not restrict you to a submission date or even to submit an application. The level of information needed is basic and required to help us identify any potential issues as early in the process as possible and long before the full application.

All candidates, regardless of what stage of their QP training they are in, are encouraged to register as early in the process as possible.

### **Training Courses**

Several academic institutions and commercial companies offer QP training courses. Taking a course is not compulsory, and the Joint Professional Bodies do not recommend, accredit, or endorse any particular courses. It is for candidates and their sponsors to decide whether attending a formal training course would be suitable.

The RSC does approve some courses offered by some of these providers, but this is solely for the purposes of professional development. A RSC approved course in no way implies that a course will fulfil the requirements of the Study Guide and should not be taken as any kind of endorsement by the RSC with regards to the QP application process.