

## 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 quarterly newsletter to share relevant updates and information about the QP eligibility scheme.*

#### **Qualified Person Interviews**

Since the beginning of April 2022, we have moved back to face-to-face interviews. Location details and the appropriate information will be provided when candidates are booked in for their interviews, but these will be held in one of the three professional bodies offices in Central London.

We do appreciate that there may be some candidates that will be 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.

We have received an influx of applications at the start of this year, and we are working hard to assess these in a timely manner. When you apply, your QP Officer will share with you the timescales for your application. To meet this increased demand, we will also be offering additional interview days during 2022.

#### **Updated Study Guide and Transition Period**

The transition period has now closed and therefore all candidates, both new and re-submissions, will need to register with their professional body before applying. The registration step enables us to support candidates from the start of the QP journey. Candidates must use the new application forms and ensure their applications are prepared against the latest version of the Study Guide, which can be found on the professional bodies' websites. Further information can be found in the FAQs.

Please note, that registering for the QP eligibility process is free of charge and does not restrict you to a submission date or put you on any professional body deadline. Its purpose is for us to check that your sponsor, qualifications, and membership level are suitable for an application at the start of the process, and if not, we can provide you support and guidance on what you need to do.

#### **QP Symposium**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, BMA House, London hosted the QP symposium, the first symposium since the start of the pandemic. It was attended by over 130 people and was well received by the community. When asked if the event met their expectations 95% of respondents confirmed it did, with 67% stating it exceeded expectations. The highlight of the event were the insightful presentations and the ability for QP's to network with their community. Some feedback from the symposium can be found below:

*"The presentation from AstraZeneca was so uplifting. To be reminded of why we do what we do as QPs and to appreciate that it happened through great efforts from so many 'ordinary' people was inspirational."*

*"A real well run and useful symposium. The day flew. Thank you."*