



Qualified Person Education Course Module A

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Understand the Implications of becoming a QP



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Dr Ulrich Kissel

Dear Colleagues,

The European Qualified Person Association (EQPA) has developed two Education Course Modules for new, trainee and practising Qualified Persons to address general compulsory and regulatory issues. **This Module A** has been compiled by the EQPA Board of Directors to provide a general idea of the special tasks and responsibilities of a QP, but also to discuss and convey possible solutions to problems addressed in case studies and workshops. How to master the QP role in practice including interfaces and interactions is a central topic of **Module B**.

Further impacts of the latest developments, specific tasks and further discussions will be part of the **annual QP Forum** of the European Qualified Person Association.

Best regards,

Ulrich Kissel

Chairman of the European Qualified Person Association

Objectives

Broaden and intensify your knowledge of the Qualified Person's duties and responsibilities. Experts from the EQPA Board of Directors, pharmaceutical industry and regulatory authority will share their experience on important issues of the QP's daily business and will give first-hand information on current and future expectations.

Background

Over the last years the role and responsibilities of the Qualified Persons have been increasing considerably. As a key person in the company, the QP has to consider many issues and has to take up the challenges within its areas of responsibilities. Additionally, as laid out in Article 49 of the European Directive 2001/83/EC, the QP needs to be highly qualified and experienced. This education course is one important part to help the QP be on top of current developments in GMP and regulatory requirements.

Target Audience

New and future Qualified Persons, QPs who are looking for ongoing training and personnel who want to get a detailed overview of the role and responsibilities of a QP.

Moderator

Wolfgang Schmitt, on behalf of the EQPA

Programme

The Legal and Professional Duties of the Qualified Person

- The Qualified Person within the EU legislation and regulation framework
- Professional tasks, duties and responsibilities
- Expectations of an EU GMP Inspector

Update on European Requirements

- EU GMP Guide Chapters
- EU GMP Guide Annexes
- Other important News
- What the QP needs to be aware of

Delegation of Duties and Responsibilities

- Possible scenarios according to Annex 16
- Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA)
- Documentation review issues
- The QP in the quality system

Case Studies: Certification by a QP and Batch Release (to certify or not)

- Batch certification: degrees of freedom and limits
- Batch deviations and QP Certification
- **Examples:** To certify or not, that's the question

Case Study: Deviations during the Manufacture of an API – What Actions should you take as the responsible QP?

What the QP needs to know regarding the Supply Chain (from Supplier Qualification to GDP)

- The QP: ultimate responsibility for the supply-chain of a drug product?
 - What is the expected scope of supply chain oversight
 - Supply chain integrity
 - Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient, Excipients, Bulk and Finished Product
 - Shipping under quarantine, ship to label claim, importation testing
- The role of the QP in supplier qualification and auditing
- Written confirmation and QP Declaration
- GMP meets GDP: where does the responsibility end?
- The QP's involvement in the recall process



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How the QP fits into the Quality Systems

- How much involvement is needed in systems like:
 - Product Quality Review
 - Inspection Management
 - Batch Record Review
 - CAPA
 - Change Control
 - Validation
 - Complaints and recalls

Liability and Indemnification

- Liability and indemnification of QPs
- Role and responsibility of head of production and head of quality control (when things go wrong)
- Role and responsibility of upper management (when things go wrong)
- Delimitation of responsibilities with QPs in the same company
- Delimitation of responsibilities with QPs at a contractor

What the QP needs to know about Pharmacopoeias

- The world of different Pharmacopoeias
- Pharmacopoeias are more than just Monographs
- How to deal with different methods

The role of QC and QA in Release (Presentation and Workshop)

- Basic, common, and advanced release concepts including QC and QA
- Reflections on OOS/OOT
- Case studies
- Discussion of possible solutions

Question and Answer Sessions

A set of live Q&A Sessions will give you the possibility to interact with the speakers and get answers to your questions.



Participants' Comments on the last Live Online QP Education Courses

"Great speakers, up to date, with practical cases assessed"
Dr Marion Chomet, NRG Nuclear Research & Consultancy Group, The Netherlands

"Good to understand, many examples, not only theory"
Dr Anke Cwiklicki, Klosterfrau Berlin GmbH, Germany

"Very interesting topics, well explained, interaction with questions is superb"
Charlotte Van den Berk, Sharp, Belgium

"Well prepared presentations and good presenters. I also like the way of asking questions"
Alexandra Weidler, Hookipa Biotech GmbH, Austria

"Everything interesting"
Sonia Vanheeghe, Winmed, Denmark

Speakers



Julia Gudd
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In addition to national and international inspections of pharmaceutical and API manufacturers, Julia Gudd's tasks also include ministry work in the area of pharmaceutical and pharmacy law.



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Savvas Koulouridas is Global Innovations Director. He is a lawyer in profession and has also worked as a consultant on pharmaceutical law (GMP regulations and Pharmaceutical Contracts).



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Thursday, 08 October 2026, 9.00 – 17.45 h CEST
Friday, 09 October 2026, 8.30 – 16.30 h CEST

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About the European QP Association

The European Qualified Person (QP) Association was founded in July 2006 by the European Compliance Academy's (ECA) Advisory Board Members. With this unique association the ECA wants to provide QPs in Europe with a platform allowing them to exchange their experience, discuss the latest regulatory requirements, to identify and address difficulties and challenges and to support a harmonised European approach.

Who can become member of the QP Association?

Only registered Qualified Persons in Europe can become regular members of the QP Association. Details about the registration of the QP will be required in the application form. Interested persons who want to become a Qualified Person can apply for an associate membership.

How to become member of the QP Association?

To become member please fill in the membership application form available at www.qp-association.eu. Membership is free.

