



## **The Joint Professional Bodies**

### **Qualified Persons Eligibility Scheme**

#### **Newsletter**

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

#### **QP Code of Practice**

Last year, it was identified that the QP Code of Practice (COP) needed a review and update. A review panel composed of QP Assessors from each of the three professional bodies was formed to undertake this review. Their aim was to bring the COP up to date to reflect the changes that have occurred over the past few years.

We are now happy to confirm that this updated Code of Practice has been approved by Chairs and Vice Chairs of the JPB Panel of assessors as well as the MHRA and VMD. It has been published on the QP webpages of all three professional bodies.

There have been multiple changes throughout the Code of Practice (COP), but these changes have been made to bring the COP up to date and reflect what QPs are currently doing in their roles. One of the biggest changes is the removal of section 2 which used to list the regulations/ legislation that the QP has to follow. Since these are constantly undergoing review/consultations, this removal negates the need for regular updates. However, please note, that the QP still has a legal responsibility to follow the regulations/ legislation whatever they may be.

#### **Reasons/ Trends for Failure**

The JPB have been keeping track of the areas of failure at the interview stage over the past several years. To help current and future candidates prepare for the QP application process, the JPB has decided to share the top five areas where the candidate has not demonstrated the required level of understanding and/or knowledge.

Top five sections of failure in interviews (since 2021) are:

1. C (Pharmaceutical Quality Systems)
- 2.



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