

# *Malta Qualified Persons Association*



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**Membership:** Total of 25 members  
[18 Full Members and 7 Associate Members]  
[17 pharmacy graduates and 8 science graduates]

### **Mission:**

To support Qualified Persons and Qualified Persons for Pharmacovigilance in Malta, and to strive to maintain high professional standards in the interest of Qualified Persons, Qualified Persons for Pharmacovigilance, the pharmaceutical industry, and society in general.

### **Degree Courses permitting practice of Qualified Person status:**

#### Undergraduate courses:

All members hold a first degree in pharmacy or science, as provided by Article 49 of Directive 2001/83/EC. Currently, the University of Malta offers a degree in pharmacy as a 4-year Bachelor of Science (Pharmaceutical Sciences), followed by a 1-year Master of Pharmacy, offered by the Department of Pharmacy of the Faculty of Medicine & Surgery, and a degree in science as a 4-year Bachelor of Science (Honours), wherein specializations in Chemistry and Biology are offered by the Departments of Chemistry and Biology, respectively, of the Faculty of Science, or a 3-year Bachelor of Science (Honours), with specialization in Chemistry.

#### Postgraduate courses:

The University of Malta offers three postgraduate courses which are targeted towards the pharmaceutical industry: a one-year full-time Master of Pharmacy and a one-year full-time Master of Science in Pharmacy offered by the Department of Pharmacy, and a three-year part-time Master of Science in Applied Chemistry, offered by the Department of Chemistry.



## Activities

### 1. Consultations

The MQPA continued to be involved in consultations regarding the transposition of Directive 2011/62/EU into local legislation. The MQPA submitted feedback on the transposition of the Directive in the following subsidiary legislation:

- a. S.L. 458.33: Medicinal Products (Labelling and Packaging) Regulations
- b. S.L. 458.34: Medicines (Marketing Authorisation) Regulations
- c. S.L. 458.35: Pharmacovigilance Regulations
- d. S.L. 458.36: Manufacture and Importation of Medicinal Products for Human Use Regulations
- e. S.L. 458.37: Wholesale Distribution and Brokering of Medicinal Products and Active Substances Regulations
- f. S.L. 458.42: Good Manufacturing Practices in Respect of Medicinal Products, Active Substances and Investigational Medicinal Products for Human Use Regulations
- g. S.L. 458.44: Herbal Medicinal Products Regulations
- h. S.L. 458.57: Pharmacovigilance Inspections Regulations

### 2. Pharmacy Council

The Secretary of the Association and the President of the Association continued to represent Qualified Persons on the Pharmacy Council.

### 3. Higher Education

The Malta Qualified Persons Association continued to form part of the Board of Studies of the University of Malta's Master of Science in Applied Chemistry, through the presence of the Registrar of the Association on the Board.

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