

The Joint Professional Bodies

Qualified Persons Eligibility Scheme

News Bulletin

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The Joint Professional Bodies 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.

Study Guide Review and Guidance Notes Update

The Joint Professional Bodies have completed a review of the QP Study Guide to incorporate changes resulting from Brexit and the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement; updates to UK-specific legislation; requirements for newer methods; and rephrasing of specific sections to improve clarity and to align with current terminology.

While new versions of the Study Guide and the associated Guidance Notes are scheduled for release on the 18th October, there are no major changes to the expected knowledge of candidates, and updates are focused on bringing the Study Guide in line with the updated legislation and to reflect what candidates are already doing.

Transition Period

For those candidates still in the pre-application stage, there will be a transition period were applications under the old version of the Study Guide will be accepted until the 2nd May 2022. Following this, applications will only be accepted if prepared against the latest version of the Study Guide.

New Registration Process for QP Eligibility Applications

We will be implementing a registration process for QP applicants which will go live on the 18th October 2021. The purpose of this additional step is to help us identify any issues regarding eligibility in advance, and to encourage candidates to identify a sponsor as early in the process as possible. The information provided in the registration form will allow the QP Officer to review the candidate's sponsor and formal qualifications, to determine if they meet the necessary requirements for a QP application. Any issues will be communicated directly to the candidate.

The QP application and sponsor forms will now no longer be available online to download, and will only be provided to candidates who have, successfully, completed the registration process with their professional body.

Update FAQ's

We have also updated the FAQs with further information about the above changes. These can be found on any of the JPB's QP webpages.

Virtual Assessments

The interview stage of applications for QP eligibility will be held virtually until further notice. Plans to resume face-to-face interview will be reviewed by the Joint Profession Bodies again in November 2021.

We are pleased to share that, at the time of publishing, we have conducted 41 virtual assessments and have received positive feedback from both the applicants and assessors involved in the process.

Feedback from applicants is collected directly through a post-assessment survey (51% response rate). Any issues identified, through the process, are immediately addressed, and updated versions of guidance documents made available to applicants and assessors. Overall, the process has been well received.

Become a QP Assessor

The RSB are currently recruiting for new QP assessors to join their panels. For more information including instructions on how apply, please contact qp@rsb.org.uk.