

Module Title:	AMTRA Merchants' SQP: Conversion
Subject Group:	Animals
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Module Number:	AC026
Credit Value:	5
Level:	Certificate
Pre-requisites:	AMTRA Merchants' SQP
Co-requisites:	NONE
Excluded Combinations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMTRA Saddlers' SQP: Conversion • AMTRA Veterinary Nurse: Companion Animal
Module Approval Date:	January 2006
Start and Expiry Date of Module:	January 2006 – December 2008
Courses for Which Module Validated:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMTRA Professional Short Courses

Rationale and Context:

Animal medicines are vital for the care of farm animal, horses and companion animals. These medicinal products are potent materials which need to be treated with respect to ensure that they are used to best effect and without causing harm to the animal, user, consumer or the environment. The manufacture, distribution and importation of medicinal products require an understanding and application of complex laws and regulations derived from the European Community Council Directives. The introduction of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations means that current *Merchants Suitably Qualified Person (Merchant SQP)* need to upgrade their qualification.

The role of the Registered Qualified Person (RQP) within an animal health product retail outlet is critical to the safe distribution of animal medicines. There are three eligible routes to becoming an RQP. This module when successfully completed by those with the *AMTRA Merchants SQP* module credits leads to the **AMTRA R-SQP Certificate** which is one route to becoming an RQP.

This module addresses the college mission in promoting widening participation and the recognition of work related learning through the award of academic credit. It is designed to provide the underpinning knowledge and understanding and its application required by those involved in the role of an animal medicine R-SQP. Following completion of this module successful the candidate will be able to apply knowledge from areas as diverse as legislation, animal physiology, internal and external parasites of farm animals, horses and companion animals to the animal medicines industry.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

1. Apply the *Veterinary Medicines Regulations* to the prescription and/or the supply of Veterinary Medicine for use in farm animals, horses and companion animals.
2. Advise on the use of animal medicines and the prevention and control of disease in farm animals, horses and companion animals within the limits of a R-SQP.

Indicative Content:

- **VMD Code of Practice:** Scope, Registered premises (Buildings, storage temperature control etc), Prescription and Supply.
- **Role of an RQP:** in prescribing and/or supplying authorised veterinary medicine to owners/keepers of farm animals, horses and companion animals, specifically the role and limitations for the R-SQP.
- **Control programme:** a range relevant problem in farm animals, horses and companion animals, using appropriate medicines, POM-VPS, NFA-VPS and AVM-GSL, in an authorised manner.

Learning and Teaching Strategy:

- *Nature of student support*
Candidates will draw upon experience in a relevant part of an animal medicine business, veterinary business or equivalent experience. This experience will be supplemented by module guidance notes and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate: Code of Practice. Further support will be provided by the college which students may take advantage of. This will take the form of course notes and a short course. Materials will be provided via *harper@work*, or similar to help develop the study skills of those at a distance.
- *Pattern of study including links to other module delivery*
Short courses will be provided at regular intervals throughout the year as candidate demand requires. This will ensure a flexible approach to the pattern of delivery appropriate to the needs of different candidates. Candidates will either be able to schedule the short course at the start of the study of the module or as a revision session shortly before the assessment.
- *Variations for different course groups*
It is not required that the candidates undertake formal tuition to achieve the module outcome. Candidates with greater experience may elect to study at a distance by means of the study pack. Employers may in some cases provide assistance in preparation for the assessment. The study pack will cover all elements of the module and include an assignment brief and study guidance.

Assessment Strategy:

- *Assessment format*

- **Written Examination (100%)**

The candidates will be provided with two pre-seen case studies, normally at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the assessment. This will allow students to structure their studies and develop detailed and specific plans and appropriate advice on use of relevant medicines related to the case studies provided.

The examination will be in the form of a time constrained assessment of one of the case studies and will also contain a number of short answer and/or multiple choice questions across all outcomes

- *Outcomes assessed*

All outcomes will be assessed by means of the examination

Essential Reading:

VMD (2006). Veterinary Medicines Directorate Code of Practice

Head of Group Approval:

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