

Module Title:	AMTRA SQP: BASE
Subject Group:	Animals
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Module Number:	AC030
Credit Value:	10
Level:	Certificate
Pre-requisites:	NONE
Co-requisites:	NONE
Excluded Combinations:	NONE
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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. With the introduction of the *Veterinary Medicines Regulation 2005* and its subsequent revisions, a new modular framework has been developed to provide appropriate academic provision to satisfy the Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) requirements.

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 required by those involved in the role of the various AMTRA SQP categories.

This module forms a critical part of the modular portfolio which leads to eligibility for registration by AMTRA for various SQP certificates and is a pre-requisite for the following modules: *AMTRA SQP: FARM ANIMAL*, *AMTRA SQP: EQUINE* and *AMTRA SQP: COMPANION ANIMAL*,

Intended Learning Outcomes:

- 1 Relate Veterinary Medicine Directorate Code of Practice to the role of a Registered Qualified Person (RQP) as defined in the current Veterinary Medicines Regulations.
- 2 Appreciate the function of the body systems and relate to animal disease and the function of Veterinary Medicines.

Indicative Content:

- **Veterinary Medicine Regulations 2005 (and subsequent revisions):**
 - a. Scope of the VMD Code of Practice and the role of the RQP;
 - b. Animal Medicine Classification; POM-V, POM-VPS, NFA-VPS, AVM-GSL;
 - c. Registered premises; Buildings, storage, temperature control etc.;
 - d. Prescribing and/or supplying authorised veterinary medicines to owners/keepers of relevant animals, records, splitting of packs etc.;
 - e. SARSS and enforcement.
- **Body Systems:** structure and function of cardiovascular, digestive, excretory, respiratory, immune musculoskeletal, reproductive and integumentary systems
- **Nature of medicine:** routes of medicine into and through the body and implication of medicine choice.
- **Disease Challenges:** endoparasites, ectoparasites, micro organisms and nutritional diseases and deficiencies.

Learning and Teaching Strategy:

- *Nature of student support*

Candidates will draw upon experience in a relevant part of an animal medicine veterinary business or equivalent experience. This experience will be supplemented by *AMTRA SQP Training Manual: BASE*, Veterinary Medicines Directorate: Code of Practice and *AMTRA Moodle* to help develop the study skills of those who study at a distance. Further support will be provided by the college in the form of short courses with additional course notes.
- *Pattern of study including links to other module delivery*

This module should be studied either before or at the same time as all or a combination of the following modules: *AMTRA SQP: FARM ANIMAL*, *AMTRA SQP: EQUINE* and *AMTRA SQP: COMPANION ANIMAL*. Short courses will be provided at regular intervals throughout the year by the college 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 their study period 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 paper and electronic interactive Training Manuals. Since the majority of candidates for this module are in work employers may in some cases provide assistance in preparation for the assessment.

The SQP Training Manual will cover all elements of the module and include study guidance.

Assessment Strategy:

- *Assessment format*

- **Written Examination (100%)**

The examination will be in the form of a (2hr) time constrained assessment; Including short answers and multiple choice questions across the range of the outcomes to show students knowledge and understanding of body systems, the nature of medicine and disease challenges and the application of legislation relating to veterinary medicines.

- **Viva Voce Examination (AMTRA requirement)**, assessing the ability of the candidates to apply their knowledge and understanding within the industry context. These will be conducted by experienced examiners from AMTRA but do not contribute to the mark but must be satisfactorily completed.

- *Outcomes assessed*

All outcomes will be assessed by means of the examination

Essential Reading:

AMTRA (2008). AMTRA SQP Training Manual. AMTRA

AMTRA (October 2008). DEFRA Code of Practice for Suitably Qualified Persons (SQPs) and Guidance for the Registration of Retail Premises AMTRA (and subsequent revisions)

VMD (October 2008) Veterinary Medicines Guidance Note No 3: Medicinal Products – Prescription, Distribution Categories & Supply. VMD

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