



SUPPORTING THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF SQPs

What AMTRA is doing for you...



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Formed in 1986, AMTRA is a not-for-profit organisation which ensures high standards and enhances the trust and confidence in AMTRA SQPs.

AMTRA is appointed by the Secretary of State to manage the Register of over 7000 AMTRA SQPs, which brings associated responsibilities including ensuring the SQP Code of Practice is followed, and managing the mandatory system of CPD.

AMTRA works to explain the importance of the AMTRA SQP prescription channel, and works closely with industry, its SQPs and the businesses employing those SQPs, to raise awareness of the vital role of qualified animal medicines advisors.

AMTRA undertakes several activities on behalf of AMTRA SQPs, helping to support and enhance the quality of the services provided to animal owners across the farm, equine and companion animal sectors.



KEEPING THE NATION'S ANIMALS HEALTHY

AMTRA SQPs increase the accessibility of animal medicines, and also provide owners with advice on the safe use of these medicines.

The advice, together with POM-VPS and NFA-VPS medicines prescribed by AMTRA SQPs, play a vital role in keeping the nation's animals healthy.

AMTRA SQPs have proven their knowledge and commitment by passing a degree-level Qualification and are therefore qualified and registered to give advice on animal health and prescribe and supply VPS medicines.

The AMTRA SQP's role includes:

- Advising on medicine choice, taking account of the circumstances of the animal and its owner, animal health plans, and best practice in disease and parasite control strategies.
- Advising on safe use, storage and disposal.
- Advising on when to consult a veterinary surgeon.





Raising awareness and confidence in the SQP system among animal owners



Working with SCOPS, COWS, RUMA and NADIS to encourage responsible use of animal medicines



Engaging with the Veterinary Medicines Directorate



Working with AHDA and BETA as AMTRA SQP employers



Supporting AMTRA SQP businesses through communication



Listening to AMTRA SQPs, businesses, and six elected AMTRA SQP representatives on AMTRA council



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Partnering with Harper Adams University to offer a flexible qualification process



Raising awareness and confidence in the SQP system among vets, pharmaceutical companies, NOAH and VMD



Raising awareness and confidence in the SQP system in the media and academia



Advising on regulatory and animal health matters



Offering flexible and respected Continuing Professional Development



Continuing Professional Development both online and in-person





SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES

AMTRA works hard to raise awareness of SQPs among all stakeholders, including animal owners, livestock producers, vets, pharmaceutical companies and related organisations.

AMTRA also makes it easier for AMTRA SQPs to promote their role by providing resources to AMTRA SQPs and their places of work.

A range of resources, including digital and point of sale (POS) material can be found on the AMTRA website.



AMTRA IN NUMBERS

Over the past year AMTRA has...

ENROLLED **1045**

new students (including **31** online after online enrolments became available in late November) plus **59** additional module upgrades plus **15** CPD exam candidates.

MANAGED **655**

bookings for the AMTRA/AHDA CPD roadshow (up 33%).

SENT **19,201**

pieces of correspondence to SQPs and students in the post and **128,162** by email.

COORDINATED **63**

exams incorporating **86** assessor visits.

DEALTH WITH **1013**

sets of written exam results across **2226** exam modules, and with **49** candidates who didn't show for their exam. (Pass rates remain at about 90% for Base, Equine and Companion modules, and have dropped as expected for Farm with the broader syllabus and more challenging exam, from 93% to 81%.)

MANAGED **6437**

annual renewal process for SQPs including four reminders for those who didn't renew quickly. **152** paid the late fee (up 20%), **1960** the standard fee (up 22%), and **4325** the discounted fee (down 5%). **1633** individual SQPs paid online (up 8%) and **162** smaller employers did so on behalf of their SQPs (up 5%).

ACCREDITED **127**

pieces of CPD, and managed results of **916** CPD events or reports from 'quiz' providers, together comprising **48,118** SQP CPD interactions (up slightly).

FOLLOWED UP **476**

undeliverable emails to SQPs or students to get corrected email addresses (up 21%) – plus uncounted returned letters.



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Working on behalf of AMTRA SQPs to enhance the quality of the services provided to animal owners and support the long-term future of the SQP sector.

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