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AMTRA

ANIMAL MEDICINES TRAINING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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University Diploma in Animal Medicines Advice



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Starting in January 2025, this first of its kind Diploma is the only formal post-registration qualification for RAMAs (SQPs).

Who can study this course?

Qualified SQPs of all registration categories.

How long will it take?

Designed to be completed within a maximum of 2 years, individual modules run over 6 months each.

How is it delivered?

Mainly online/distance learning, with optional attendance study days at Harper Adams University.

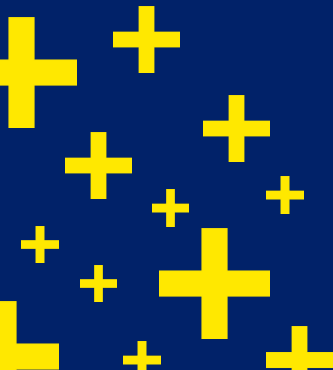
What will I learn?

There are currently a range of 6 modules for you to choose from.

RAMAs will carry forward their initial training credits, valid for 7 years. The Diploma includes 60 Level 5 credits, equivalent to a second-year degree level, with an option for 15 Level 4 credits, equivalent to a first-year degree level. The number of credits eligible to be brought forward from RAMA training is shown below.



Category	Credits
R-SQP	40
G-SQP	35
K-SQP	30
E-SQP	20
L-SQP	30
J-SQP	15
C-SQP	15
A-SQP	15
CA-SQP	15
JA-SQP	20
EA-SQP	20



How many credits do I need to study to achieve the Diploma?

To work this out, use the formula below:

60 – credits from RAMA training = credits needed for Diploma

For example R-SQP:

60 – 40 = 20 credits needed for Diploma

For those that have been qualified for 7 years or more, to prove your professional currency, upon application you will be asked to provide:

- CV
- CPD records from 2022 onwards OR a letter of good standing provided by AMTRA
- A personal statement (300-400 words) explaining why you wish to study for the Diploma.

Which modules will I study?

You have the flexibility to choose the modules that best fit your needs. Each module is designed to last approximately 6 months. Modules will be scheduled based on demand, prioritising the most popular choices for earlier delivery.

What are the modules?

Reflective Practitioner (15 credits) - The module covers sourcing and referencing literature, structuring academic writing, appraising information sources, and using reflective models to improve work scenarios, skills crucial for other modules.*

Advanced SQP Practice (20 credits) - The module includes practical lab skills, pharmacology (understanding drug mechanisms), resistance development and management, pharmacovigilance, responsible prescribing, and considering environmental impacts.

Herd Health Planning (10 credits) - The module covers health and welfare assessments, data management, disease prevention strategies, assurance schemes, animal welfare, and the roles of paraprofessionals.

*Designed to be studied first, although this is not essential.



Companion Animal Nutrition (10 credits) - The module encompasses anatomy and physiology of the digestive system, nutrition for various life stages and lifestyles, roles of nutrients with nutritional analysis, diet formulation, and considerations of customer factors and communication.

Equine Nutrition (10 credits) - The module covers anatomy and physiology of the digestive system, nutrition tailored for different life stages and work levels, roles of nutrients with nutritional analysis, medical disorders and nutrition's role, feedstuffs and their composition, and diet formulation techniques.

Farm Animal Nutrition (10 credits) - The module includes study areas such as nutrients and digestion for both ruminant and non-ruminant animals, feed characterization and various feeding systems, understanding nutrient requirements and food intake, developing effective feeding strategies, and exploring the roles of minerals and vitamins in animal nutrition.

Additional Information

Each module is available for individual study as CPD if desired, without the requirement of completing the full Diploma. Upon successful completion, you'll earn the right to use the postnominals 'Dip AMA' in addition to your RAMA/SQP qualifications.

Module prices vary based on credits:

- 10 credits £500
- 15 credits £750
- 20 credits £1000

Contact us!

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