

Qualified person career path

From aspiration to qualification and beyond

RSSL

Transforming lives through science, innovation and collaboration

Making a positive impact – the QP role

A Qualified Person plays one of the most important roles in healthcare. Every time a patient takes a medicine, a QP has personally certified that it's safe, compliant, and manufactured to the highest standards.



As a QP, you'll use your in-depth understanding of pharmaceutical manufacturing to take personal responsibility for certifying that medicinal products comply with:

- Required marketing authorisations
- National and international legislation
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)

It's a career with real meaning. You'll know that your expertise directly protects patients every single day and contributes to the trust that is the foundation of effective healthcare. If you're considering this path, we'd love to help you get there.



Our team – caring, expert, and here for you

We've been part of the QP community for over 35 years, and we genuinely love what we do. We care about your success and are here to make your training journey as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Your dedicated account manager

From your first enquiry to your final viva prep, you'll have a dedicated account manager – a real person who knows your programme, understands your goals, and is motivated to help you achieve them. They're just a call or email away whenever you need them.

Tutors who are active in industry, right now

Our tutors don't just teach, they're actively working across big pharma today, which means the scenarios, challenges, and regulatory updates they bring into the room are current, not historical.

Every tutor is a practising professional Qualified Person, QP Viva Assessor, or leading university academic. Most modules are delivered by two tutors from complementary backgrounds, so you'll benefit from a broad range of perspectives and real-world experience in every session.

A community that supports you

You won't be doing this alone. Our trainee QP and Alumni community connects you with others on the same path for peer support that makes a real difference, during training and beyond. When people share their know-how, everyone achieves more.





The programme – flexible, practical, designed around you

We know you're balancing work, life, and study. That's why our programme is built to fit around you, not the other way around.

RSC-approved and aligned with the UK Study Guide

Our core modules are approved by the Royal Society of Chemistry and designed to meet the requirements of the UK Qualified Person Study Guide. You can be confident you're covering exactly what you need.

Flexible and modular

Each module is a self-contained 2–3 day course, scheduled at least twice per year. You can start at any point and build your programme around your own schedule – there's no fixed start date or rigid sequence to follow. Almost all modules are available in person or virtually.

Small to medium groups – with plenty of tutor time

We deliberately keep delegate numbers limited. That means more one-to-one time with your tutors, and a relaxed atmosphere where no question feels like a silly one.

Interactive, problem-based learning

Curiosity drives good science, and it makes good QPs. Our courses focus on real-life scenarios and practical problem-solving. You won't just learn the theory, you'll practise making the kind of sensible judgements and rational decisions that QPs make every day, guided by tutors who have done this for real.







Hands-on in real laboratories and production facilities

Several modules go beyond the classroom. You'll use RSSL's own laboratories for Analysis and Testing and Pharmaceutical Microbiology, Reading University's labs for Formulation and Processing, and Accord's facilities for the Packaging module – giving you the chance to apply and practise what you've learned.

Learning that suits your style

All course materials live in your personal digital file store, ready to view, annotate, and search at any time. Prefer paper? Hard-copy folders are available for every module at no extra cost. However you learn best, we've got you covered.

Your personal Learning Account

Your Learning Account keeps everything in one place – past and upcoming courses, booking statuses, and certificates – accessible whenever you need them.

Extensive support programme

Beyond the modules themselves, you'll have access to:

- Group mentoring sessions
- One-to-one review sessions
- Interactive WebTorials
- Key regulatory update seminars
- Self-paced eLearning reinforcement modules
- Viva preparation support

Your journey to becoming a QP

1 Explore: Join our free webinar ‘To QP or not to QP?’

Thinking about becoming a QP but not sure where to start? This free virtual session explores everything you need to know about the role and how we can help you get there. No commitment, no pressure – just honest, helpful information.

2 Plan: Your personalised gap analysis

We’ll carry out a comprehensive review of your skills and experience to identify exactly what you need. Together, we’ll build a personalised learning plan that works for your situation.

3 Learn: Complete your QP modules

Begin your training by booking the modules you need, in the order that suits you. We’ll support you with regular one-to-one reviews to make sure you’re on track and feeling confident.



4 Prepare: Viva preparation day

When you’re ready, you’ll have a full-day, one-to-one session with our most experienced QP trainers or Assessors to prepare you thoroughly for your viva assessment.

5 Advance: Keep growing with CPD

Your relationship with us doesn’t end at certification. Regulations evolve, and so do we, With refresher courses, monthly regulatory update webinars, quarterly QP Forum Workshops, and our annual QP Conference, we’re here to support you throughout your career.

Why trainees choose RSSL

95% course reliability

Last year, 95% of our scheduled QP courses ran as planned. We follow through on our commitments, so you can book with confidence and keep your training on track, with no last-minute cancellations disrupting your plans.

High first-time viva success

Our trainees consistently achieve a first-time pass at viva. That's the result of expert tutors, thorough preparation, and a programme designed to build genuine confidence.

35+ years of experience

We've been guiding aspiring QPs since the early 1990s. We know what works, and we keep evolving so our training stays current and relevant.

Practising professionals leading every course

Every module is led by tutors who are actively working in the industry – QPs, QP Assessors, and university academics who bring today's challenges and scenarios into the training room.

Dual-tutor approach

Most modules feature two tutors with complementary backgrounds, giving you a richer range of experience and perspectives.

Real laboratory experience

From RSSL's own labs to Reading University and leading packaging facilities, our practical modules let you apply theory in real settings.

Dedicated personal support

Your account manager is with you from start to finish – managing your bookings, answering your questions, and helping you make the most of your programme.





Here's what our trainees say:

"The fact that I really enjoyed my QP training experience with RSSL – even with modules like maths and stats – says it all! Much of that is down to RSSL's tutors who all bring their own industry experience into the classroom, with real-life examples that help make sense of theoretical or unfamiliar subjects. I'm glad I chose RSSL. Their personal and bespoke offer is a major plus, as is the high level of support offered throughout the training programme, such as webtorials and viva preparation days."

Blair McKay, Qualified Person (QP), BOC Gases

"My experience throughout RSSL's training programme has been thoroughly enjoyable. The option to mix virtual and in-person training sessions meant I could easily fit the course around work and family. When it came to the viva, this was a completely new challenge for me but RSSL's tutors gave me the direction I needed – both in terms of developing a revision plan and organising viva mocks to put everything into practice."

Gurpreet Kaur Birch, Senior QMS Manager & QP, RelonChem

"The knowledge and diversity of RSSL's tutors is excellent. Having all worked in QP roles, they bring extensive real-life experience and ensure learning outcomes can be put into practice from day one. I also found having access to RSSL's QP webtorials hugely valuable, as it gave me the opportunity to test and apply what I'd learned in these lively discussion forums and – just as important – build my QP network."

Jonathan Powlson, Qualified Person & QA Manager, Jazz Pharmaceuticals

"The training journey with RSSL was great. I was able to meet new people, improve skills I already had and learn new ones. The modules align perfectly with the study guide and are presented in a way that is easy to understand. Towards the end of my programme, I found RSSL's viva preparation day invaluable – this session gave me exclusive one-to-one time with a QP to go through mock vivas and really hone in on any areas of weakness. Plus, I gained some valuable tips on how to improve the structure of my answers and deal with nerves on the day."

Rebeca Bruzzichessi, Head of Quality Compliance and Validation, PCI Pharma Services

"I found the RSSL team friendly and relaxed; they managed to balance detailed and challenging knowledge sharing, with thoughtful details such as making sure my favourite cake was available for lunch. The sessions themselves were interactive and informal which made for a positive learning environment. And I also met an interesting mix of people in diverse roles from companies of all different sizes, not just the big pharmaceutical giants, which was a welcome benefit. The relatively short 2-3 days devoted to completing each module was also a motivating factor; it meant less time away from the office and home, as well as fewer expenses and accommodation costs."

Joanne Harrison, QP, MSD Animal Health

QP training packages

When you start your QP training with RSSL, you choose the package that fits your plan. The more courses you commit to upfront, the more you get back in return. You agree your level at the start, and your benefits kick in straight away.

How it works

- Choose how many core QP courses you want to commit to, from 3 up to 12+.
- Your course rates are locked for the length of your contract (up to 3 years), so you won't be affected by any future price rises.
- You can pay as you go, booking and paying for each module individually, or pay in advance and get a discounted rate.
- Your package benefits are available from the moment you sign up.

Ready to start?

We'd love to hear from you. Whether you're just curious about the QP role or ready to book your first module, our team is here to help.

Email: trainingsales@rssl.com

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Or visit Qualified Person Career Path & Training:

Steel – 3 courses

Worth over £900 in benefits

- All knowledge reinforcement eLearning modules
- £65 off the QP Annual Conference
- Access to the QP Connect Community

Bronze – 5 courses

Worth over £3,000 in benefits

- Everything in Steel, plus:
- Free attendance at 5 QP Hot Topic Webtorials
- 5 Key Regulatory Update Seminars

Silver – 8 courses

Worth over £4,000 in benefits

- Everything in Bronze, plus:
- Leadership and Influencing Skills Workshops
- Access to the self-directed eLearning module for PQS

Gold – 10 courses

Worth over £8,000 in benefits

- Everything in Silver, plus:
- A further 5 Key Regulatory Update Seminars and 5 QP Hot Topic Webtorials
- 5 one-to-one QP expert consultations
- Access to eLearning modules for Microbiology and Quality Risk Management

Platinum – 12+ courses

Worth over £11,000 in benefits

- Everything in Gold, plus:
- 6 Group Workshops for scenario experience and viva preparation
- A one-to-one QP viva preparation day
- Free attendance at RSSL's Annual QP Conference
- £500 towards IRCA-approved Lead Auditor training

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About RSSL Training & Consultancy

For over 35 years, RSSL Training & Consultancy has been helping pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical, medical device, and healthcare professionals develop their careers and their expertise.

We cover the complete life cycle of pharmaceutical products, employing leading industry experts to deliver training that's current, practical, and genuinely useful.

Our mission is simple: to help individuals achieve their career aspirations and enable companies to make a positive difference in the world.

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