



DPM Training Programme 2027 Handbook

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Overview of the DPM Training Programme

The Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (DPM) training programme has been developed by FPM to prepare candidates for both the [Certificate in Pharmaceutical Medicine \(CPM\)](#) and the [Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine \(DPM\)](#) examinations.

The DPM Training Programme is delivered annually from February to October. The programme is designed for candidates sitting their exams in either Autumn or Spring.

The programme is mapped to the [PharmaTrain syllabus](#) — the foundation for the CPM and DPM exams — and is designed to enhance knowledge across six broad topic areas. It also includes exam technique modules focused on strategies and question practice for the three types of papers featured in the CPM and DPM exams.

Programme structure

The DPM Training Programme runs annually from February to October and includes nine modules mapped to the [PharmaTrain Syllabus](#):

Module	Topic	Month
Module 1	Regulatory Affairs	February 2027
Module 2	Statistics and Data Management	March 2027
Module 3	Discovery and Early Development	April 2027
Module 4	Clinical Development	May 2027
Module 5	Drug Safety	June 2027
Module 6	Communication, Value and Access	July 2027
Module 7	MCQ Exam Preparation	September 2027
Module 8	SAQ Exam Preparation	September 2027
Module 9	CAP Exam Preparation	September 2027

Modules 1–6: Core content modules

Modules 1–6 cover the core knowledge required for the Diploma and provide a comprehensive review of the PharmaTrain syllabus. Each module includes:

- Guided learning through the LMS
- Self-study materials and resources
- Practice questions and assessments
- Two expert-led live Zoom sessions
- Opportunities for discussion and questions

These modules are designed to build your subject knowledge and develop a strong foundation for the examinations.



Modules 7–9: Exam preparation modules

Modules 7–9 focus specifically on preparing candidates for the Diploma examinations through targeted revision, exam practice, and examiner-led guidance. Each module includes:

- Mock examinations
- Personalised feedback
- Revision resources
- Expert-led live revision sessions
- Examination technique and strategy guidance

The modules are aligned to the three examination formats:

- Module 7 prepares candidates for the CPM Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) Examination.
- Module 8 prepares candidates for the DPM Short Answer Question (SAQ) Examination.
- Module 9 prepares candidates for the DPM Critical Appraisal Paper (CAP) Examination.

Booking and access

You may continue to book Modules 1–6 until **Friday 1 October 2027**, when the programme officially closes. As all live sessions are recorded and made available on the LMS, delegates joining after the live delivery dates can still benefit fully from the learning materials and session recordings.

In contrast, Modules 7–9 must be booked **before the relevant live revision session takes place**. Booking deadlines for these modules are published on our website and are also provided later in this handbook. While flexible access is available, we strongly recommend following the programme according to the scheduled timetable wherever possible. Doing so allows sufficient time for learning, revision, and exam preparation ahead of both the Autumn 2027 and Spring 2028 examination sittings.

Module content

A detailed breakdown of the topics covered within each module can be found in **Appendix 1**.



How will you learn?

Programme content is delivered through FPM's Learning Management System (LMS), giving participants the flexibility to study at their own pace while benefiting from structured support, expert guidance, and a range of learning resources throughout the programme.

Self-study resources

During each module, you will have access to a variety of learning materials designed to support your studies and exam preparation. These may include:

- Downloadable PowerPoint presentations and reports
- Recorded presentations
- Topic-specific discussion forums
- Knowledge checks and quizzes
- Practice examination questions for each topic area

The resources available may vary slightly between modules, depending on the subject matter and learning objectives.

Discussion forums and peer learning

Each module includes a dedicated discussion forum on the LMS where you can ask questions, share ideas, and engage with your fellow delegates.

The expert-led live sessions also provide valuable opportunities to interact with your peers, discuss challenging topics, and learn from the experiences of others.

We strongly encourage delegates to form study groups throughout the programme, as collaborative learning can be highly beneficial when preparing for the examinations. FPM is happy to help facilitate connections between delegates who wish to establish study groups.

Expert led live sessions

Live sessions form an important part of the learning experience and provide focused guidance on key syllabus areas.

- Modules 1–6 each include two expert-led live sessions.
- Modules 7–9 each include one full-day expert-led revision session.

The live sessions are designed to reinforce the self-study materials, focus on examinable topics, and provide opportunities to ask questions and discuss areas of uncertainty.

Session delivery and recordings

All live sessions are delivered via Zoom.

For those unable to attend, or for delegates wishing to revisit the material, all live sessions are recorded and uploaded to the LMS shortly after delivery.



Live session schedule

Full details of the 2027 live session dates and times can be found in the section below.

Dates for your diary

Unless otherwise stated, modules go live on the LMS on the first working day of each delivery month, and delegates will gain access on that day.

Live sessions are delivered on Zoom and recorded in full. Recordings and materials are typically made available on the LMS within 3 working days following the event, for those who have other commitment on the day of live delivery and for revision purposes.

Module 1: Regulatory Affairs (February)

- Thursday 11 & 25 February 2027 (both 14:00–17:00 GMT)

Module 2: Statistics and Data Management (March)

- Thursday 11 & 25 March 2027 (both 14:00–17:00 GMT)

Module 3: Discovery and Early Development (April)

- Thursday 8 & 22 April 2027 (both 14:00–17:00 BST)

Module 4: Clinical Development (May)

- Thursday 13 & 27 May 2027 (both 14:00–17:00 BST)

Module 5: Drug Safety (June)

- Thursday 10 & 24 June 2027 (both 14:00–17:00 BST)

Module 6: Communication, Value and Access (July)

- Thursday 8 & 22 July 2027 (both 14:00–17:00 BST)

Module 7 MCQ exam revision course (September)

- Thursday 2 September 2027 (10:00–17:00 BST)

Module 8 SAQ exam revision course (September)

- Friday 24 September 2027 (10:00–17:00 BST)

Module 9 CAP exam revision course (September)

- Thursday 30 September 2027 (10:00–17:00 BST)



About the Learning Management System (LMS)

All programme content is delivered through FPM's Learning Management System (LMS). The LMS is an online platform designed to provide access to course materials, live sessions, assessments, recordings, and other learning resources.

It allows delegates to study flexibly and at their own pace while benefiting from structured guidance and support throughout the programme.

Accessing the LMS

Before the programme begins, a member of the Training Team will enrol you onto the LMS and create your user profile.

Your username will normally be the email address used when making your booking, unless you have requested that an alternative email address be used.

Once your account has been created, you will receive an automated email containing instructions on how to access the system and set your password.

Accessing your modules

Modules are released on a monthly basis. At the beginning of each month, you will be enrolled onto the relevant module and will then be able to access the learning materials and begin your studies.

Getting started

If you are new to the LMS, we recommend watching the introductory video below before beginning your studies. The video includes a walkthrough of the DPM Training Programme as it appeared on the LMS in 2023. While there have been some minor updates to the platform since then, the overall structure and functionality remain largely unchanged.

In addition, all delegates will receive access to the **Introduction to the DPM Training Programme** course within the LMS. We strongly recommend completing this introductory course before starting Module 1, as it provides useful guidance on navigating the platform and making the most of the available learning resources.

Key recommendations

Before starting your studies, we recommend that you:

- Log into the LMS and familiarise yourself with the platform.
- Watch the introductory LMS walkthrough video.
- Complete the **Introduction to the DPM Training Programme** course.
- Check that you can access all learning materials and resources.
- Ensure that emails from the LMS are not being filtered into your junk or spam folder.

Taking a small amount of time to familiarise yourself with the LMS at the outset will help ensure a smooth learning experience throughout the programme.



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DPM Training via the FPM Learning Hub Demystifying the LMS

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Programme expectations and study workload

To help you plan your studies effectively, the table below outlines the expected time commitment for each stage of the programme.

Modules 1–6: Core content modules

Modules 1–6 focus on the core syllabus content and form the foundation of your exam preparation.

Activity	Expected Time
Self-study and LMS content per module	10–15 hours
Live Session 1	3 hours
Live Session 2	3 hours
Total per module	16–21 hours

As there are six content modules, you should expect to spend:

- **60–90 hours** completing the self-study content
- **36 hours** attending live sessions (6 modules × 6 hours)
- **96–126 hours total** across Modules 1–6

Some modules are more extensive than others, reflecting their relative weighting within the examination. Please refer to the [FPM Exam Specification](#) for further details.

Modules 7–9: Revision and exam practice

Modules 7–9 are revision-focused and centre on mock examination practice and expert-led revision sessions.

Activity	Expected Time
Full-day live revision session	7 hours
Mock examination	1 hour 30 minutes
Total per module	8.5 hours

Across Modules 7–9, this equates to:

- **21 hours** of live revision sessions
- **4.5 hours** of mock examinations
- **25.5 hours total**

All live revision sessions run from **10:00–17:00 (7 hours) BST**.

Each mock examination mirrors the timing of the actual examination and lasts **1 hour 30 minutes**. Further information regarding mock examinations can be found in **Appendix 2**. Following the live sessions, mock examinations are reopened so that delegates can attempt them as many times as they wish.



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Independent revision

In addition to the taught programme, you should plan for at least **100 hours of focused revision before the exam.**

While some candidates may pass with minimal revision, experience consistently shows that structured study and regular revision are key factors in examination success.

Estimated total study time

Component	Estimated Time
Modules 1–6 (including live sessions)	96–126 hours
Modules 7–9 (including mock exams and live sessions)	25.5 hours
Independent revision	100 hours
Total recommended preparation time	221.5–251.5 hours

Overall, candidates should plan for **approximately 220–250 hours of study and preparation** across the programme.

Students joining after live sessions have taken place

If you enrol on Modules 1–6 after the live sessions have been delivered, we strongly recommend watching the **live session recordings first**. These recordings act as a guide to the wider self-study materials available within the LMS and highlight the most important topics for examination success.



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Technical requirements

All live sessions are delivered via **Zoom**. Joining details will be sent to you by email in advance of each session, and you can also access the sessions directly through the LMS.

Before your first live session

To ensure a smooth experience, we recommend testing your Zoom setup before attending your first session. In particular, please check that:

- Zoom is permitted by your organisation's IT and firewall settings.
- Your microphone is working correctly.
- Your camera is functioning, if you wish to use it.
- You have a stable internet connection.
- You can successfully access both the LMS and Zoom platform.

Resolving any technical issues in advance will help you to get the most from the live sessions and avoid unnecessary disruption.

During live sessions

To create the best learning environment for all participants:

- You are **not expected to keep your camera on throughout the session**.
- Please remain **muted when not speaking** to minimise background noise.
- You are encouraged to ask questions, contribute to discussions, and participate in any interactive activities.

The live sessions are designed to be engaging and collaborative, providing opportunities to learn from both the presenter and your fellow delegates.

We recommend accessing sessions from a quiet environment where you can focus fully and participate when required.

If you need any technical support with the LMS or otherwise, please contact training@fpm.org.uk.



Assessment information (non-exam)

Each content module includes two types of knowledge check:

Quiz questions

Quiz questions are designed to help you test your understanding of specific topics as you progress through the module.

Please note that these quizzes are intended as informal learning aids and **do not necessarily reflect the format, difficulty, or marking approach used in the Diploma examinations**. Question styles and scoring methods may vary between quizzes. For example, some quizzes include negative marking, whereas negative marking is not used in the actual examinations.

Exam style questions

Modules also include **multiple-choice and short-answer questions** that are designed to mirror the style, format, and expected standard of the formal examinations.

These questions provide an opportunity to practise applying your knowledge in an exam-focused context and can be particularly useful when revising key topics.

Developmental questions

Some PowerPoint presentations include reflective or "developmental" questions intended to encourage deeper thinking and broader understanding of the subject matter.

These activities are entirely optional and are not essential for examination preparation. However, many delegates find them valuable for consolidating learning and exploring topics in greater depth.

Mock examinations (Modules 7–9)

As part of the exam preparation modules, you will have the opportunity to complete a **mock examination** relevant to the examination you are preparing for.

Completed mock examinations can be submitted for marking and feedback from **our team of experienced former examiners** before the associated live revision session. This provides an invaluable opportunity to identify strengths, address knowledge gaps, and gain insight into examiner expectations ahead of the real examination.

Further information on the structure, submission process, and deadlines for mock examinations can be found in **Appendix 2**.



Booking information and refund policy

Bookings for the 2027 DPM Training Programme will open on **24 November 2026**.

The programme officially begins on the **first working day of February 2027**. Delegates may choose to book either:

- Individual modules; or
- The complete programme series.

Access to learning materials

Access to the materials contained within the LMS is granted under licence for a period of **24 months from the official start date of the programme**.

The 24-month access period applies regardless of the date on which a delegate enrolls onto the programme and cannot be amended or waived other than in exceptional circumstances and upon written agreement from FPM.

Delegates whose access is due to expire will be notified at least 30 days in advance of their removal from the LMS.

Upon expiry of access, all data associated with the delegate will be permanently deleted from the system as part of routine data management.

Refund policy

All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to: training@fpm.org.uk

Approved refunds will be processed within **28 days** of written confirmation of cancellation.

Please note:

- FPM is not responsible for visa application outcomes. An unsuccessful visa application does not entitle a delegate to a refund outside of the standard cancellation policy.
- The DPM Training Programme includes live online sessions. Failure to attend a scheduled live session does not entitle a delegate to a refund.
- The programme is delivered entirely online through a combination of self-directed learning via the LMS and expert-led live Zoom sessions.

Standard refund terms

Refund eligibility is determined by the number of days before the first day of the relevant module delivery month:

Notice Given	Refund Available
7 days or more before the module	100% refund
4–6 days before the module	75% refund
3 days or fewer before the module	No refund



Please refer to the section below for the specific refund arrangements that apply to the Exam Preparation Modules.

Refunds for exam preparation modules

These arrangements apply to delegates who have registered for both:

- **Part 1 (CPM Examination); and**
- **Part 2 (SAQ and CAP Examinations).**

If you do not pass the Part 1 examination and therefore decide not to proceed with the relevant Part 2 preparation modules scheduled for that year, you may request a full refund for:

- **Module 8 – SAQ Examination Preparation**
- **Module 9 – CAP Examination Preparation**

To request a refund, please contact: training@fpm.org.uk

Approved refunds will be processed within **28 days** of written confirmation of cancellation.

Deferral option

As an alternative to a refund, delegates may choose to defer their place on Modules 8 and/or 9 to the following year's programme. Requests to defer must also be submitted to training@fpm.org.uk.

Mock exams

Please note that if you withdraw from Modules 8 or 9, any SAQ or CAP pre-course assignments that have already been submitted will not be marked.

Terms and Conditions

These booking and refund arrangements should be read alongside the full DPM Training Programme Terms and Conditions, which are available on our website.

We recommend reviewing the [Terms and Conditions](#) before booking to ensure you understand the programme requirements, cancellation arrangements, and your responsibilities as a delegate.



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Key contacts

Amy Woodward (Digital Education Manager)

The DPM Training Programme is managed by operationally by Amy. Amy will be your main contact throughout the programme. Amy also manages many of FPM's other training courses and educational programmes, including short courses, in-company training programmes, the development of eLearning, and the pharmaceutical medicine undergraduate lecture programme that FPM offers to medical schools.

Email address: training@fpm.org.uk



Marianne Whitelam (Exams Manager)

The C/DPM exams are managed by the FPM Exams team, and your main contact for these is Marianne Whitelam, FPM's Exams Manager.

All enquiries about the exams should be directed to exams@fpm.org.uk in the first instance.

Although both the training programme and the exams are run by FPM, a clear separation between them is essential to maintain standards. While the training team can address some exam-related questions, it is always best to contact Marianne directly for authoritative guidance.

Please note, your query may also be answered on our [dedicated exam FAQ page](#) so we recommend you view that first.





Frequently asked questions

What are the eligibility requirements?

The programme is designed to support candidates preparing for the **Certificate in Pharmaceutical Medicine (CPM)** and **Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (DPM)** examinations. Before booking, you should ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements for the relevant examination.

Most delegates on the programme hold a GMC-recognised medical qualification or are registered with the appropriate medical regulatory body in their home country.

We strongly recommend that participants have at least **one year's experience in pharmaceutical medicine** or a related field. Experience in areas such as clinical development, medical affairs, pharmacovigilance, regulatory affairs, or other relevant disciplines will help you gain the maximum benefit from the programme.

What are the language requirements?

The programme is delivered entirely in **English**. You should therefore be comfortable reading, writing, listening to, and communicating in English.

No formal evidence of English language proficiency is required.

How long does the programme run?

The DPM Training Programme runs annually from **February to October**.

Although modules are released according to a scheduled timetable, the programme is largely self-paced. Learning materials can be accessed at a time that suits you, and all live sessions are recorded for later viewing.

Delegates receive access to the LMS and programme materials for **24 months from the start of the programme year**. Further information can be found in the Terms and Conditions.

Which modules should I take?

If you are preparing for the full Diploma, we recommend completing all modules, and many of our delegates do each year.

However, delegates may also book individual modules if they wish to focus on specific topics or examination components, particularly areas that they do not work in on a day-to-day basis. We recommend reviewing the [PharmaTrain syllabus](#) and using that to assess which areas you may need some more support around. As a reminder, the C/DPM examinations and programme are based on the syllabus.

What is the purpose of the live sessions?

The expert-led live sessions provide a guided introduction to each module and focus on topics that are most likely to appear in the examinations.

Sessions are delivered by subject matter experts and include:

- Presentations covering key syllabus areas



- Examination-focused guidance
- Opportunities to ask questions
- Peer discussion and interaction

If you join the programme after a module's live sessions have taken place, we recommend watching the session recordings first. They provide an excellent overview of the module content and help direct you to the most important learning resources within the LMS.

What is the LMS?

The Learning Management System (LMS) is the online platform through which all programme content is delivered. The LMS provides access to:

- Learning materials and resources
- Live session information
- Session recordings
- Discussion forums
- Quizzes and practice questions

Before the programme begins, the Training Team will create your LMS account and send instructions for setting your password.

Modules are released monthly, and you will be enrolled onto each module at the start of its delivery month.

What time are the live sessions?

Unless communicated otherwise by a member of the FPM Training Team, the following timings apply across the programme:

Modules 1–6 each include **two expert-led live sessions**, which run from **14:00–17:00 (UK time)**

Modules 7–9 each include **one full-day revision session**, which runs from **10:00–17:00 (UK time)**

All live sessions are delivered via Zoom.

What happens if I miss a live session?

Don't worry if you are unable to attend a live session. All live sessions are recorded and uploaded to the LMS shortly after delivery (typically within 3 working days), allowing you to catch up at a time that suits you.

Many delegates find it helpful to revisit recordings during their revision, even if they attended the session live. If you miss a session, we recommend:

- Watching the recording as soon as possible.
- Reviewing any accompanying slides or materials.
- Posting any follow-up questions in the module discussion forum.



- Discussing key points with your study group, if you are part of one.

Please note that live sessions provide valuable opportunities to ask questions and interact with faculty and fellow delegates in real time. While attendance is not mandatory, we strongly encourage delegates to attend wherever possible to gain the maximum benefit from the programme.

How can I interact with the faculty?

The programme is managed by the **FPM Training Team**, who can be contacted at training@fpm.org.uk

Can I interact with other delegates?

Yes. Each module includes a dedicated discussion forum where delegates can engage with one another and ask questions.

The live sessions also provide opportunities for discussion and networking with fellow participants.

We strongly encourage delegates to form study groups, as collaborative learning can be highly beneficial during exam preparation.

Do I need to purchase any textbooks?

No. The programme provides the learning materials required to support your studies and exam preparation.

However, if you would like to undertake additional reading, members of the faculty can recommend suitable textbooks and reference materials.

Can I download the learning materials?

Most learning materials can be downloaded from the LMS, and we encourage delegates to do so when preparing for the examinations.

Some multimedia content, such as videos, may be hosted on external platforms and may not be downloadable.

Will I be assessed during the programme?

There are no formal assessments or pass/fail requirements within the programme. Modules 1–6 include two types of optional knowledge checks:

Quiz questions

- Informal checks of understanding
- Used to reinforce learning
- Do not reflect examination format or difficulty

Exam style questions

- Multiple-choice and short-answer questions
- Designed to mirror the format and standard of the examinations
- Useful for exam-focused practice



These activities can be attempted multiple times and are intended to support revision.

Modules 7–9 also include mock examinations, which provide an opportunity to practise under exam-style conditions and receive feedback from our team of former examiners.

Can I retake the mock examination?

Before the live revision session, each mock examination can only be attempted once. This is intentional and helps replicate the experience of sitting the actual examination under timed conditions.

After the live session has been delivered, the mock examination will be reopened on the LMS, allowing you to revisit and reattempt the questions as part of your ongoing revision.

Please note that:

- Only the initial attempt submitted before the published deadline will be marked.
- Personalised feedback is only provided on submissions completed before the live session.
- Any attempts made after the live session are for self-study and revision purposes and will not receive additional marking or feedback.

We strongly recommend completing the mock examination before the live session to gain the full benefit of personalised feedback and the subsequent review during the revision session.

What if I have a question about the examinations?

The CPM and DPM examinations are administered by the **FPM Examinations Team**.

Your primary contact for examination enquiries is: exams@fpm.org.uk

Although both the training programme and examinations are delivered by FPM, a clear separation is maintained between the two. For authoritative advice on examination regulations, eligibility, applications, or results, you should contact the Examinations Team directly.

Many common questions may also be answered on the [FPM Examination FAQs page](#).

Can I claim CPD credits for this programme?

Yes — for the **live session** component of the programme. To record CPD activities, you should retain:

- Your certificate of attendance
- A short reflective statement describing:
 - What you learned
 - How it relates to your current practice
 - How it supports Good Medical Practice

If you are enrolled on PMST under the 2021 Curriculum, the learning gained from the programme may also support the development of relevant capabilities in practice.



Certificates of attendance are issued by the Training Team following the completion of each module month.

My employer is paying for my enrolment. How do I arrange a booking?

If you are unable to complete your booking online, require an invoice, or need assistance with a company-funded booking, please contact training@fpm.org.uk.

I did not pass Part 1 but have already booked further exam preparation modules. What should I do?

If you have booked Module 8 (SAQ Examination Preparation) and/or Module 9 (CAP Examination Preparation) but subsequently decide not to proceed, you may choose one of the following options:

- Request a full refund; or
- Defer your place to the following year's programme at no additional cost.

Please contact: training@fpm.org.uk to discuss your preferred option.

How do I form a study group?

We strongly encourage delegates to form study groups, as many previous participants have found collaborative learning helpful when preparing for the examinations.

There are several ways to connect with other delegates:

- Introduce yourself in the module discussion forums on the LMS.
- Use the discussion forums to identify delegates with similar study goals, exam timelines, or areas of interest.
- Attend the live sessions and engage in discussions with your peers.
- Ask the Training Team if you would like support connecting with other delegates who are interested in joining a study group.

Study groups can be used to:

- Discuss challenging topics and share knowledge.
- Review exam-style questions together.
- Maintain motivation and accountability throughout the programme.
- Share revision strategies and learning resources.
- Practise answering SAQ and CAP-style questions.

There is no requirement to join a study group, and many delegates choose to study independently.

However, those who participate in study groups often find them a valuable source of support, encouragement and exam preparation throughout the programme.

What career opportunities are available in pharmaceutical medicine?

Formal training and qualifications in pharmaceutical medicine can support careers across a wide range of areas, including:



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- Pharmaceutical companies
- Biotechnology organisations
- Contract research organisations (CROs)
- Regulatory agencies
- Medical affairs
- Clinical development
- Drug safety and pharmacovigilance
- Regulatory affairs
- Health economics and market access

For more information about careers in pharmaceutical medicine, please visit the [FPM Careers pages](#).



Appendix 1 Module Topic List

Modules 1–6 cover every aspect of the PharmaTrain Syllabus in some shape or form. Appendix 1 provides a broad overview of the topics covered.

Module 1 Regulatory Affairs

- General Principles of Medicines Regulation, ICH, GMP, GCP & GLP
- Clinical Trials Regulations — IND, CTA, EU Directives, Ethics & Ethics Committees, Fraud & Misconduct
- Licensing — MAA, Abridged Applications
- Common Technical Document & Overviews
- Updating & Maintaining Licenses
- Product Defects & Recall, Product Discontinuation
- Unlicensed Medicines & Early Access Programmes
- Medicines Regulation in the US & Japan
- Rare diseases regulation
- ATMP Regulations, Medical Devices
- Scientific Advice/Protocol Assistance
- Legal Reclassification (POM to OTC)

Module 2 Statistics and Data Management

- Types of Data & Descriptive Statistics
- The Null Hypothesis, Type I & Type II Error & Significance Confidence Intervals
- Sample Size Calculation & Power
- Minimising Bias, Randomisation & Handling of Missing Data
- Multiplicity
- Subgroups & Meta-analysis
- Trial Design: Adaptive Designs, Non-Inferiority & Equivalence
- Data Collection, Data Management & Standardisation
- Interim Analysis, Survival Analysis & Hazard Ratios
- Presentation & Interpretation of Study Results, Violations & Withdrawals

Module 3 Discovery and Early Development

- Discovery of New Medicines
- Non-Clinical Safety Testing & Safety Testing of Small Molecules vs. Biologicals
- Principles of Pharmacokinetics
- Factors Affecting Pharmacokinetics
- Mechanisms of Action and Interaction
- Exploratory Development & Phase 0 Trials, Biosimilars, Pharmacogenetics & Pharmacogenomics
- Biomarkers, Clinical Endpoints & Surrogate Endpoints
- First in Human Studies, Dose Selection & Risk Minimisation
- Advanced Therapies & Drug-Coupled Devices
- Pharmaceutical Development



Module 4 Clinical Development

- Project Teams/Management, Planning & Budgets
- Clinical Development Plans, Target Product Profile & Target Label, Clinical Development in Special Groups
- Confidentiality & Data Protection
- ICH Good Clinical Practice
- Paediatric Clinical Development
- Consent, Indemnity & Compensation
- Study Conduct, Documentation, Investigator Brochure & Contractual Arrangements
- Manufacturing & Labelling of Study Medication
- Phase 3 Clinical Trials

Module 5 Drug Safety

- Classification of AEs & ADRs
- Assessment of Evidence for Causality & Association
- Testing for Specific Safety Issues
- Collection of AEs in Clinical Trials, DSURs, Role of Sponsors & Investigators in Reporting, Regulatory Requirements & CIOMS
- Spontaneous Reporting
- Off Label Use
- Sources of Epidemiological & PV Information, Post-Authorisation Safety Studies & Signal Detection
- Benefit-Risk Assessment, Risk Management & Safety Specifications
- Medication Errors
- Issue/Crisis Management, Dear HCP Communications & Product Withdrawal Procedures
- Periodic Safety Update Reports/Periodic Benefit-Risk Evaluation Reports
- Clinical Trial Reports and DSURs
- Adverse Events in Clinical Studies

Module 6 Communication, Value and Access

- Legal & Regulatory Framework for Medicines Promotion
- Pricing & Reimbursement
- Product Liability & Compensation
- Medical Marketing & Life-Cycle Management
- Information Provision & Publication Planning
- Principles of Health Economics
- Quality of Life & Pharmacoepidemiology
- In-Licensing & Co-Marketing
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Module 7 MCQ Preparation (CPM candidates and DPM candidates)

- MCQ mock exam and marking



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- Coaching for the MCQs
- Exam technique
- Practice MCQs

Module 8 SAQ Preparation (DPM candidates only)

- SAQ mock exam and marking
- Coaching for the SAQs
- Exam technique
- Practice SAQs

Module 9 CAP Preparation (DPM candidates only)

- CAP mock exam and marking
- Coaching for the CAP
- Exam technique
- Practice CAP



Appendix 2 Information about Modules 7–9

Modules 7–9 are the programme's dedicated exam preparation modules and are structured differently from the core content modules (Modules 1–6).

Their purpose is to help candidates prepare effectively for the formal examinations through focused revision, exam practice, feedback, and examiner-led guidance.

Examination focus

Each module is aligned to a specific examination:

- Module 7 — Preparation for the Certificate in Pharmaceutical Medicine (CPM) Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) Examination
- Module 8 — Preparation for the Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (DPM) Short Answer Question (SAQ) Examination
- Module 9 — Preparation for the Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (DPM) Critical Appraisal Paper (CAP) Examination

Module structure

Unlike the core content modules, which include two half-day live sessions, each exam preparation module includes:

- One full-day expert-led live Zoom session (**10:00–17:00 UK time**)
- A mock examination
- Personalised feedback from experienced markers
- Additional exam-style practice questions
- Guidance on examination technique and strategy

All live sessions are recorded and uploaded to the LMS shortly after delivery.

Live revision sessions

The revision sessions are led by a team of former examiners and are designed to help candidates understand what is expected in the examinations.

Sessions typically include:

- Examination technique and practical tips
- Review and discussion of the mock examination
- Feedback on common strengths and weaknesses
- Additional exam practice using previously unseen questions
- Opportunities for questions and discussion

These sessions are intended to help you develop confidence, refine your exam approach, and focus your revision on the areas that matter most.

Mock examinations



As part of each exam preparation module, you will receive access to a mock examination through the LMS.

The mock examination is designed to replicate the format, timings, and standards of the real examination as closely as possible.

Completing your mock examination

Once you have been enrolled onto the module, you may attempt the mock examination at any point before the live revision session.

Submission deadlines will be clearly communicated:

- Within the LMS
- In your enrolment communications
- By the Training Team

Mock examination conditions

Please note that:

- Each mock examination can be attempted **once only** prior to the live session.
- All mock examinations are **time-limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes**, reflecting the timing of the actual examinations.
- Mock examinations are intended to simulate real examination conditions as closely as possible.

Feedback and marking

Mock examinations are marked by our team of experienced former examiners.

You will receive personalised feedback designed to:

- Highlight your strengths
- Identify areas for improvement
- Provide insight into examiner expectations
- Support your ongoing revision and exam preparation

Although completion of the mock examination is not compulsory, we strongly recommend participating. It provides an excellent opportunity to evaluate your current level of preparedness and focus your revision efforts effectively before the examination.

Access after the live session

Following delivery of the live revision session, the mock examination will be reopened within the LMS. This allows you to:

- Revisit the questions and model approaches
- Practise again under timed conditions
- Use the mock examination as part of your ongoing revision

Please note that personalised marking and feedback are only available for submissions made before the published deadline and live session date. Attempts made after the live session are provided for self-directed revision purposes and will not be marked.



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Further information

All information relating to the exam preparation modules, including submission deadlines, marking arrangements, and access instructions, will be provided within the LMS and included in your enrolment communications.

What is the purpose of the personalised feedback?

The personalised feedback provided on the mock examinations is designed to help you focus your revision time where it will have the greatest impact. Feedback can help you to:

- **Identify knowledge gaps** by highlighting topics where your understanding may be incomplete or inaccurate.
- **Recognise common mistakes** before sitting the real examination.
- **Understand examiner expectations**, including the level of detail and style of response expected in SAQ and CAP questions.
- **Improve exam technique**, such as time management, question interpretation, and answer structure.
- **Prioritise your revision** by focusing on weaker areas rather than revisiting topics you already understand well.
- **Build confidence** by confirming areas where your knowledge and approach are already meeting the required standard.

Many candidates find that the feedback is just as valuable as the mock examination itself. It provides a clear indication of your current level of preparedness and helps you develop a targeted revision plan in the weeks leading up to the examination.

For this reason, we strongly recommend completing and submitting the mock examination before the published deadline to take full advantage of the personalised feedback available from our team of former examiners.