

# QP Accreditation – where are we now?

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- NPL approached by the RPA2000 group to see if there was any interest for some sort of formal QP recognition.
- Parallel to the RPA accreditation programme
- Reviving something that existed pre IRRs 1999

# Reminder of proposals 1

- Basic atomic and nuclear physics
- Radiation interactions
- Detectors
- Quantities and units
- Signal processing and display
- Power supplies
- Statutory requirements
- UK guidance
- International guidance
- Calibration facilities

## Reminder of proposals 2

- Setting up instruments
- Repairing equipment
- Determining the average indication
- Practical radiation fields
- Understanding the environment (both for calibration and routine operation)
- Monitoring techniques
- Typical instrument problems
- Advising the employer and RPA

- Certificate is an external review of competence, always useful
- Something to aim at as part of personal advancement
- Will help tackle loss of skills
- Status clearly comparable with RPAs
- A good route of personal advancement for the many extremely good QPs with limited formal qualifications
- Helps job mobility!

- If it's not driven by regulatory requirement, why bother?
- It's creating a 2 tier system and the time may come where HSE are critical of organisations which do not have someone with this certificate leading their instrument testing team
- You can't be experienced in all forms of calibration, nor is there a need to be – parallels the RPA situation.
- It could lead to lots of paper
- It's just a scam to corner the market

- NPL produced a set of competences
- Draft debated by the RPA2000 group, basically a subgroup of the Society for Radiological Protection
- Put to the IRMF membership
- Comments received, both for and against.
- Against comments mainly from larger operators with “limited” QPs restricted to identified types of instrument.

Views?