



Are you starting your trainee pharmacist year?

Another academic year has come to an end, and thousands of students will be looking forward to starting their trainee pharmacist foundation year, if all goes well with their results. Fingers crossed!

This is undoubtedly an exciting time, but possibly also one of trepidation as you embark upon the next phase of your qualification. Membership of the PDA gives that much-needed peace of mind through one of the most important years in a pharmacist's career.

FREE PDA trainee pharmacist membership includes indemnity and legal defence costs insurance, access to lawyers and pharmacist advisors, and membership of the PDA Union. If you want any advice or support, you don't need to feel alone and isolated; please contact us by emailing enquiries@the-pda.org.

FREE GPhC Assessment Revision Programme

As a PDA trainee member, you will have access to a FREE revision programme by PDA Education with practice exam questions, top tips, and support to help you prepare for the GPhC assessment.

If you are just starting your trainee placement, please click the button on the right to claim your FREE PDA membership:

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Visit the PDA trainee pharmacists web page for more information.

Please be assured that the PDA is in regular contact with the pharmacy schools, the GPhC, government agencies, professional bodies, pharmacy contractors, and NHS leaders to voice the concerns of individual pharmacists, trainee pharmacists, and students.

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We can support you through any workplace problem whether it is a professional, legal, ethical, or an issue that you have with your employer. It is essential that trainees do not undertake activities in the workplace unless they are competent to perform those tasks and have received the necessary training. All reputable pharmacy employers should provide a comprehensive induction package and a detailed job description so that trainees know what is expected of them and they are able to perform the role with the required support. The PDA's website has a range of advice and guidance and our pharmacists and lawyers can advise you on how best to protect yourself in the workplace. As a PDA trainee member, you can contact us with any query by emailing enquiries@pda-union.org.

The PDA would advise trainees that all pharmacy employers should undertake a risk assessment in relation to your working environment, a copy of which should be made available to you. The risk assessment should cover any workplace hazards including Covid-19.

We advise trainees to follow your employer's current Covid-19 policy regarding mask-wearing and the use of PPE since this now varies between different settings. Some pharmacies may also take additional steps to reduce risk such as the use of screens and ventilation. If you should test positive for Covid-19 then please report your infection to your responsible pharmacist or pharmacy manager and follow your employer's local policy for this.

Check out our trainee pharmacist webpages for more information and encourage your fellow trainees to join FREE today. Please click the button on the right to learn more.

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Become a PDA Trainee Pharmacist Rep

The PDA recognises the value of our trainee pharmacist reps. The role involves sharing information and feeding back on trainee pharmacists' issues and concerns, including from your peers so that we can lobby on your behalf, communicate with you, issue relevant guidance and support, and where appropriate, campaign for you and with you. This voluntary role is vital to the work of the PDA and will help ensure that more trainees are aware of who the PDA are, what we do, what support and advice is available to them when they join the PDA FREE, and how members can get involved.

PDA Trainee Pharmacist Reps receive full training and mentoring through a blend of PDA live sessions, our PDA Education Hub modules, and support from PDA staff, which all help our reps to develop transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, and leadership. Click the button below to learn more:

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**Help us to help more people in the profession.
Refer a friend to join the PDA today!**

If you know any trainees or pharmacy students that are not yet members of the PDA, please encourage them to [join the PDA](#) for FREE today so that we can also support them in their career journey. Membership is FREE for students and trainees.