



DEMONSTRATE YOUR REGULATORY COMPETENCE

TOPRA has been approved by the Science Council as an awarding body for **Chartered Scientist (CSci)** accreditation from 2018



CSci
Chartered
Scientist



WHAT IS A CHARTERED SCIENTIST?

CSci accreditation is a badge of quality for an individual, applicable to a range of science-based professions. Unlike exam-based certification systems which assess knowledge at a point in time, it is based on **on-going, self-directed competency** development, which is **independently assessed**.

Chartered Scientist accreditation has positive benefits for everyone in the regulatory community. It offers assurance for employers or contracting organisations and is a demonstration of an individual's competence and commitment.

Since 2007, Chartered Scientist has been accepted as a regulated profession under 2005/36/EC, and so has relevance to our international profession.

This is the first independently recognised accreditation specifically available for regulatory affairs and gives you a unique opportunity to demonstrate a high level of competence in your chosen profession.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Could you be one of the first regulatory professionals to gain Chartered Scientist status with TOPRA? The good news is that the best regulatory professionals will already be doing what is needed for professional registration and the awarding of CSci.

From January 2018 all TOPRA members who choose to do so can be evaluated for CSci status. This is a way for members to gain formal recognition of the competences, experience and expertise they have developed and demonstrated in their careers.

Wherever you work; in whatever role, sector or country; whether in industry or agency, whether in human or veterinary regulatory affairs, it is applicable to everyone who meets the criteria – because it is based on competency development and evaluation.



WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

TOPRA members who wish to apply for CSci designation will need to complete an application form to demonstrate, using their existing continuing professional development (CPD) evidence, how they meet the competency requirements.

Members can easily upload their record of continuing professional development onto their secure personal record on the TOPRA website. Attendance at TOPRA events is already automatically added for you – you just need to add your reflection on what you learned and how you will make use of it in your work. Remember too that CPD can take a variety of forms – reading, on-the-job training, mentoring, volunteering, researching and so on – it does not all have to be training courses.

Adding your CPD is simple and provides a personalised record for each member which can be retained and developed over time.

HOW IS THE PROCESS QUALITY ASSURED?

All applicants for CSci will have their initial application assessed against the required competences by an independent confidential panel of regulatory experts.

Once awarded, CSci accreditation is maintained by the member continuing to upload their CPD onto their personal record, which will be validated to ensure it is up to date. A random sample of CSci holders will be audited in more detail each year by the assessment panel. An appeal process will be available and there will be small fee to cover administration costs.

Full details of the expectations, process and all the relevant documentation will be made available on the TOPRA website.

WHY IS TOPRA DOING THIS?

TOPRA's vision is to work with our members internationally to enable and promote excellence in the healthcare regulatory profession.

Like all professions, regulatory affairs must operate to standards of performance which give reassurance to all stakeholders.

TOPRA has developed an integrated professional development pathway and competency framework to enable members to develop their skills and knowledge and improve performance and career opportunities.

INTERESTED?

If you would like to learn more or are thinking of being a Chartered Scientist with TOPRA please email [**chartered.scientist@topra.org**](mailto:chartered.scientist@topra.org)

You can also learn more about Chartered Scientists in other professions by visiting the Science Council website [**www.sciencecouncil.org**](http://www.sciencecouncil.org)



*The Chartered Scientist accreditation is one of the **TOPRA 2020** commitments to promote excellence, and support members across the globe with the tools they need to advance their professional careers*