

# PHARMERS ACADEMY - REGULATORY AFFAIRS MASTERCLASS SERIES

#### MASTERCLASSES & SHORT COURSE - LEARN RA IN AS LITTLE AS 4 DAYS

## Introduction to regulatory affairs for beginners

The PHARMERS RA Masterclass Series is a groundbreaking initiative developed by PHARMERS ACADEMY to assist aspiring participants and beginners to know about RA and enter the industry with ease, confidence, and practicality. The lack of entry-level/ beginner practicals from industry experts was raised as a serious hindrance and barrier to RA (even from the regulator - SAHPRA). This course was then piloted mid 2020 and after a first, second and third round of classes with excellent feedback, we never looked back. With the latest addition to the format and classes (107-109 listed on the website available from June 2022) our ongoing online support is unmatched; participants have praised the simplistic yet thorough nature of the classes, stating how their objectives were reached with clear and concise understanding obtained. Many have now gone on to securing RA jobs and thriving in new roles as a result!

We focus on producing practical know-how & simulating the much-needed hiring criteria – real-life experience!

## Masterclass series objectives

- ✓ To understand regulatory affairs comprehensively
- ✓ provide efficient learning through PHARMERS RA TOOLS
- ✓ To provide a step-by-step supportive learning environment
- ✓ To bring practical knowledge and application of working guidelines
- ✓ To provide much needed employability know-how & work experience
- ✓ To correctly apply RA to the pharmaceutical industry locally and globally
- ✓ To introduce RA laws, guiding principles & guidelines from various key authorities
- ✓ To apply one's pharmacy expertise to the dossier compilation process (where applicable)

## The RA masterclass short course comprises of four masterclasses:

- ✓ Masterclass 101: Introduction to RA (regulatory affairs)
- ✓ Masterclass 102: Module 1 ZA + compilation exercise
- ✓ Masterclass 103: Modules 2/4/5 eCTD + compilation exercise
- ✓ Masterclass 104: Module 3 eCTD + compilation
  - + optional Masterclass 104 (extended) additional compiling exercise

## After *completing the masterclass series*, you will be able to:

- ✓ Understand your personal RA affinity and job / work opportunities
- ✓ Compile your own dossier (m1-m5) and screen for outstanding information
- Mastery of local (SAHPRA) and international (EMA, ICH, EDQM, WHO, etc.) guides
- ✓ Understand what a drug dossier is, the components & available formats (MRF, MBR, CTD)
- ✓ Know the various <u>laws, & guidelines</u> that govern the registration of various medicines / types
- ✓ Understand the "Regulatory Affairs Story" and how it fits the local and international landscape
- ✓ Know the categories of medicine registration, and what the SAHPRA application process entails
- ✓ Know where to source dossier components / obtain necessary information required for an application.

## You will Need (estimated for the 101-104 short-course):

- Internet connectivity (+/- 10 hours)
- +/- 50 hours dedicated to self-study time
- A working device (desktop/ laptop computer)
- A WhatsApp/ phone number for any additional learning support

#### **Course Tutor**

Patricia Ngassam is a responsible and regulatory affairs pharmacist currently practicing in South Africa. After completing her master's in Applied Biopharmaceutical Biotechnology in the UK, she started her RA career years ago as an external evaluator for P & A at SAHPRA (evaluating dossiers for quality and bioequivalence), and later on became a technical advisory committee member to the CEO and evaluator team for SAHPRA. In the meantime, she also works as an RP (responsible pharmacist) and RA (regulatory affairs) pharmacist ensuring GMP compliance among others and compiling dossiers for submission to the national RRA (SAHPRA). With experience from both side of the regulatory coin, she now longs to assist enthusiastic and aspiring RA pharmacists to know and love RA & make the sectoral move and leap into RA with confidence. She presents eCTD compilation ABCs through these masterclasses (with practical examples, assessment, homework & certificates) and has created a unique learning hub for beginners.

#### **Masterclass Course Outline**

Day 1

## **Masterclass 101 - Introduction to Regulatory Affairs**

Duration: approx. 1.5 hours + (3-4 self study hours)

Location: online

Additional Features: personality assessment/ SWOT, Homework, Assessment, Additional Guidance Resources

This introductory session spells everything out for you from a general and bigger perspective. It focuses in on the local (SAHPRA) and international (EMA, ICH, EDQM, WHO, etc.) guiding authorities by providing understanding on the four main components of regulatory affairs. Learn the basics of the product application process for and compiling a dossier. You will understand what, who, when, where and why RA is what it is! Commonly used jargon and key ideas/ concepts needed to grasp the essence of RA are also discussed. You will also determine if it is for you as a SWOT analysis is also done with examples to help participants relate personally.

#### Day 2

#### **Masterclass 102 – Module 1 Compilation**

Duration: 2.5 hours + (10 self study hours)

Location: online

Additional Features: PHARMERS m1 Tool, Assessment, Homework, Additional Guidance Resources

This detailed session starts with the first ADMINISTRATIVE module of a dossier compilation; the one outside of CTD. Terms, subsections, module, and nodes are all explained, and examples shown for each. SAHPRA guides are explained, and you will definitely grasp a good understanding of PI/PIL/ Label/ BTIF examples. Attachments of various kinds are also given to show the participants how to put this module together. Use the unique PHARMERS TOOL provided to START compiling straight away with an exercise / homework segment, an assessment and online support. Submit your work and get evaluated!

#### Day 3

## Masterclass 103 – Modules 2/4/5 eCTD Compilation

Duration: 1.5 hours + (10 self study hours)

Location: online

Additional Features: PHARMERS 103 Tool, Assessment, Homework Additional Guidance Resources

These modules are straightforward and come as they are, with minimal compilation required (TOCs); Therefore, they can be bunched together into one session. Screening is simple; however, a few key principles still need to be understood. ICH/EMA guidelines relevant to all 3 modules are discussed with examples from Australian (TGA) and local

(SAHPRA) dossiers. Homework to screen / compile these modules is also available as well as subsequent online support. Submit your work and get evaluated. Additional resources (guides) also provided.

#### Day 4

## Masterclass 104 – Module 3 eCTD Compilation

Duration: approx. 2.5 hours + (10 self study hours) (+10hrs extended)

Location: online

Additional Features: PHARMERS 104 Tool, Assessment, Homework, Additional Guidance Resources

This module represents the QUALITY part of a medicine dossier. You'll learn and understand how to carefully approach it during compilation. During the class, each node is discussed in detail and examples from international guidelines such as EMA/ICH are given. An Australian example is also shown (TGA). See and know what the attachments required are especially the SCORE document to be discussed. Get a chance to compile your very own module 3 at the end of the session using PHARMERS tool. Homework and online support are yours to help you submit your own. This class ends with an extended masterclass 104 segment where the second product application type is given to you to practice.

## Who should attend

- ✓ Beginner RA pharmacist (wishing to Fast-track understanding)
- ✓ Aspiring RA pharmacist (currently in other sectors wishing to move)
- ✓ New RPs in industry (smaller company RP in an all-inclusive role including RA)
- ✓ Final year pharmacy students interested in the regulatory sector (intern/comserv)
- ✓ Pharmacists with RA duties or overlapping roles (seeking entry-level working knowledge)
- ✓ Junior evaluators (level 1) wishing to understand dossier compilation, screening, and evaluation

The Masterclass Series is available in 2 formats:

- Recorded classes available monthly online for up to 6 months (more affordable)
- 4 quarterly Live masterclass Series Sessions scheduled (March 1-7, June 1-7, September 1-9, November 1-9)

**Bonus:** At the end of the short course (101-104) as participants you will receive a complimentary CV + interview prep session at your chosen convenience (booked on website) to prepare you for an upcoming RA / RP interview.

#### Additional Training / Electives

Masterclass 105: New RPs Set up with RA roles (PQMS, Quality Standards, GMP etc.)

**Masterclass 106:** Variations & Conversions (MBR1/MRF1/CTD) formats (baseline in old dossier)

Masterclass 107: Complementary Medicines & Registration

Masterclass 108: Medical Devices & Registration

Masterclass 109: Biologicals & Biosimilars Medicines & Registration

**Masterclass 110:** Customized Training (depending on need)

Masterclasses are available in both formats as tabulated below. Enrolment typically closes 3 days before start of masterclasses. If you have an emergency or require custom training, please indicate so on the registration form comment section or select masterclass elective 110 for customized training and indicate specifications.

<u>Note:</u> All classes can be purchased separately, however in the short course, we apply a pre-requisite system to access the next class in the series. i.e. 101, then 102, then 103, then 104. This ensures best learning outcomes for participants.

## **Masterclass Options and Prices**

Masterclasses Type	Masterclasses Name & Number	Recorded Masterclasses (1st of Every Month)	Live Quarterly Masterclasses  (On or before 25 <sup>th</sup> of Q3 & Q4)	
Short Course	101 – Introduction to RA	R2200 / \$150	R3600 / \$230	
	102 – Module 1 eCTD	R2200 / \$150	R3600 / \$230	
	103 – Module 2/4/5 eCTD	R2200 / \$150	R3600 / \$230	
	104 – Module 3 eCTD	R2200 / \$150	R3600 / \$230	
	104 - Extended (2 <sup>nd</sup> eCTD Generic Exercise)	R2200 / \$ 150	R3600 / \$230	
Elective	105 – PQMS, Documentation & Fundamentals	R3400 / \$230	R4500 / \$290	
Elective	106 – Dossier Variations & Conversions	R3400 / \$230	R4500 / \$290	
Elective	107 – Complimentary Medicines & Registration	R3400 / \$230	R4500 / \$290	
Elective	108 – Medical Devices & Registration	R3400 / \$230	R4500 / \$290	
Elective	109 – Biologicals, Biosimilars & Registration	R3400 / \$230	R4500 / \$290	
Elective	110 – Customized Training	Cost will depend on specifications / need		

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### **Typical Duration**

Recorded masterclasses are taken at your own time and convenience, therefore completion is also dependent on your own pace. The minimum amount of time is 4 days as that will assume one class is taken per day as with the live sessions, but the completion of self study, assessments, homework, and feedback is likely to take longer for most participants. On average a class per week is a reasonable time frame to expect. Many participants have taken up to 3 months to complete the short course 101-104. We however allocate up to 6 months from the start date to submit all requirements in order to provide support, feedback and certification (the complimentary cv + interview preparation session for 101-104 participants must also be booked within the six month deadline). Should a participant not meet these requirements they forfeit their certification.

## Successful Completion

Upon completion of each masterclass and requirement, participants will receive completion certificates.

Academy Certification is subject to the following:

- Successful completion of homework (given statement)
- Successful completion of feedback form
- Successful completion of class assessment (65% class mark is considered a pass; a re-assessment will be provided for any participants who do not succeed on their first attempt)

A Premium Distinction Seal on the certificate is issued to participants who score 80% and higher!

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Please fill the registration form below and return to <a href="info@pharmers.co.za">info@pharmers.co.za</a> for an invoice to be generated for you.

Participant Title, Name, and Surname:			<b>Current Position:</b>		
Company:			Email:		
Contact Number:			Prospective Enrolment Start Date:		
Country:			City:		
RA Mastercla	sses Selection (p	lease tick all bo	exes that apply to your desire	d enrolment)	
Type of class	Record	ded	Live	Apply Discount Cod	de
101					
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104 Extended (optional)					
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Total number of classes		Other Comments:			
TOTAL payment due					
(IN R OR \$(US Dollar):					
	Please	Select A Pay	ment Options		
One direct full payment	Т	Two 50% installments over 2 months (by 1st of both months)			
	(6	(available for the 101-104/extended short course only)			
Terms & Conditions:  Registration fees above include the following of a registration form, full payment is require should full payment not have been received preceived in writing more than 21 days prior to fees will be payable and non-refundable. No	d within 7 working days. Par rior to the event date. Cance the event being held carry a n-payment or non- attendar	yment must be received llations will be charged a 50% cancellation fee. S ace does not constitute	d prior to the event date. PHARMERS reserve under the terms set out below. •Cancellations Should cancellations be received between 21 cancellation. No shows will be charged the f	s the right to refuse entry into the cou , no show, and substitutions: cancellati days and the date of the event, full cou	urse ions urse ives

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