

CPA Peer Assessor Recruitment

We are actively recruiting new peer assessors from many branches of laboratory medicine. The current number of active peer assessors means that we are not able to visit laboratories on the planned assessment schedules. There are particular shortages of medical staff in cytopathology, histopathology and haematology such that some visits take place without medical representation. Other areas of severe shortage include andrology, but we are unlikely to turn down any suitable applicant from any discipline.

Why be a peer assessor?

CPA accreditation is the *de facto* standard for all clinical laboratories in the countries of the UK, and is fully supported by all the main professional bodies in particular the RCPATH, ACP, ACB and IBMS.

Participation as a peer assessor enables laboratory practitioners to gain a deeper understanding of the standards their own laboratory aspires to. This will enable day-to-day practice to aspire to excellence, and not just conform to an imposed requirement. As a peer assessor you will have the privilege and opportunity to visit laboratories like you own, thereby facilitating sharing of best practice.

Interested: what happens next?

Please self nominate, and complete the application form available from the link below. You are also welcome to encourage your colleagues to apply. Your application will need the support of your local institution and relevant professional body. Once accepted, you will be offered a place on one of the training courses that are held twice a year.

Application form http://www.cpa-uk.co.uk/files/MF-CPA-Peer_Assr_App.doc

Peer assessor person specification <http://www.cpa-uk.co.uk/files/MF-CPA-AssrSpec.pdf>

What is the commitment I will need to make?

We would expect you to commit to delivering 3 assessment visits per annum, and to commit to attending once a date has been agreed with you.

What about those approaching retirement?

The increased availability of recently retired peer assessors has been invaluable to CPA, and has been recognised in the provision of some financial support. Please consider applying and training before you retire to maximise your availability upon retirement. Please mention your position in a covering letter with your application.

What if I have other questions?

These may be adequately answered by conversation with another peer assessor in your institution, and you are welcome to contact the CPA office by telephone 0114 2515800 or email office@cpa-uk.co.uk

Final remarks

It will be hard work on the visit, but you will enjoy the company of others in the same situation, and build up a network of professional relationships across disciplines and the UK. You will enjoy it.