

Examination Process FAQ



Short introduction

Five times a year GMP+ International offers auditors the opportunity to do a GMP+ exam. The content and the method of the exam highly relates to the quality requirements that GMP+ International has for the global animal feed industry. The purpose of good and reliable examination is to assure that auditors have sufficient knowledge of the GMP+ FC scheme requirements. To achieve this, GMP+ International has developed a new Examination Process which will help auditors in the examination process. The new process will significantly reduce logistical planning and costs, improve the ease of executing the exam, offers transparency and has an updated validity period.

General questions about the GMP+ Examination Process

1. Why are you changing the GMP+ Examination Process?

GMP+ International is professionalizing the examination process to improve the quality of the exams, the quality of auditing and the quality of the GMP+ certification. Besides, we want:

- to offer reliable examinations
- to test knowledge and the application of the knowledge
- to have harmonization in the knowledge
- that the auditors pass the exam completely

2. What are the benefits of the changes?

- From printed to digital examination, offering a secure method
- From fixed location based to flexible examination: access wherever you are, so less travelling for candidates
- Transparency by introducing “Knowledge Levels” which makes clear what knowledge is expected from a GMP+ Auditor for the general part and each specific scope
- Maintenance of the Knowledge Levels according to the feed scheme developments
- Validity of six years for the general part unless there are important scheme updates and three years for the scopes
- Transparency for the candidates due to appropriate Examination Regulation and Complaint Procedure
- Examination process supported by an external professional organization.

3. Who are impacted by the Examination process?

Every GMP+ auditor and new applicants.

4. From when can I take an exam according to the new Examination Process?

The first opportunity for the new examination will be March 12th, 2020 in the Netherlands and Malaysia and a location chosen by the Certification Body, with a group. Or chosen by the applicant, as an individual.

The new Examination Process will be introduced in different phases.

| Date | Next steps |
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| End January 2019 | Send the name of auditors to participate in the Pilot Examination |
| May 2019 | Exam test module on-line |
| September 2019 | Pilot examination |
| 12 March 2020 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Digital examination on a location2. Digital examination with a group3. Digital examination as an individual |
| As from April (2020) (once a month) | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Digital examination on a location (on request)2. Digital examination with a group3. Digital examination as an individual |

5. What will the validity be of past exams prior to January 2019?

The same, as stated in the Annex 5 of the GMP+ C10.

6. What will the validity be of the exams taken in 2019?

The same, as stated in the Annex 5 of the GMP+ C10.

7. Will the exam regulations stay the same?

No, for the new examination process, a new exam regulation will be developed and extracted from the GMP+ C10.

8. What will change on short notice / in 2019?

2019 will be a transition period and GMP+ International will start a pilot in September 2019 with the new Examination process.

Examinations planned for 2019 will remain the same, the exam will be offered in the exact same way as done in previous years and the validity will also be the same as the previous years.

9. Will the Examination Process affect all exams?

Yes, all exams will be subject to the new examination process.

10. What is the maximum amount of exams that an applicant can apply per year?

Auditors can apply for an exam at a maximum of 3 times per year (general part and/or scopes) with a minimum time frame of one month in between the exams (for preparation/extra training by the CB).

11. Is there a time limit to how long one exam takes?

The duration per exam will be limited to a maximum of 1,5 hours. For inland waterway and affreightment a maximum of 1 hour each. The exam committee will evaluate if the exam can be shortened in the future.

12. Where can I find more information regarding the Examination Process?

From February 2019, a dedicated area on gmppplus.org will be available for you where you can find the latest updates regarding the project, time frame, progress and also find downloads and documentation.

13. When can I expect updates regarding the project?

Updates are given frequently depending on the various topics and stakeholder needs"

14. How do I make sure that I receive all the important updates about the Examination Process?

Make sure you are receiving the GMP+ Newsletters to receive the updates and news regarding the Examination Process, visit our [website](http://gmppplus.org) regularly and join us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/gmpplus).

15. Can I give feedback or a response to this project?

Do you want to share your feedback or questions, don't hesitate to contact us via the [GMP+ International Helpdesk](http://gmppplus.org). We are happy to hear from you!

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