

Press Release

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227 Regulatory Professionals Achieve RAC Certification

Rockville, MD—The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society today announced that 227 regulatory professionals achieved Regulatory Affairs Certification (RAC) during the most recent exam period, which ended 31 May. The RAC is the only certification for regulatory professionals in the healthcare product sector. To date, more than 4,000 individuals have earned the RAC designation.

“As the regulatory profession continues to grow globally and as regulatory professionals increasingly are recognized for their important contributions to the healthcare product sector, the RAC credential also is growing in importance and stature,” said RAPS Executive Director Sherry Keramidis, PhD, CAE. “The RAC is not only a measure of individual achievement, but its recognition by employers, government officials, academics and others is also an indication of the value regulatory professionals bring to the table.”

The RAC designation is a mark of professional distinction, indicative of the professional and technical abilities that are vital in this time of increasing challenges and demands within the healthcare product sector. It also identifies individuals committed to excellence, pursuit of knowledge and career development.

RAC-credentialed professionals are among the current and rising leaders in regulatory affairs in industry, government and academic organizations. The RAC is intended for the regulatory professional with three to five years of regulatory experience. RAPS’ research has shown that holding an RAC is correlated to greater compensation among professionals in entry- to mid-level positions and that the proportion of RAC-credentialed professionals increases steadily at higher levels. Voluntary certification in regulatory affairs was launched by RAPS in 1990. Three different certifications are available: RAC (US) for US regulations, RAC (EU) for European regulations, and RAC (CAN) for Canadian regulations.

RAPS currently is conducting preliminary research for a new, general RAC certification that, unlike the existing certifications, will not focus on a specific country or region. The new RAC would cover the general scope of regulatory practice and international regulations. It is expected to be aimed at professionals with two to four years of experience in the healthcare product regulatory area.

About RAPS

The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) is an international membership organization of regulatory professionals in the rapidly growing medical device, pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors. As regulatory professionals, RAPS members perform vital work in all areas of the healthcare product lifecycle, ensuring these products are safe and effective, while driving organizational strategy and sound decision-making. RAPS supports these individuals and the regulatory profession as a whole by providing education and training, certification, professional standards, research, knowledge-sharing, publications, networking and career development opportunities and other valuable resources; and is committed to helping its members continually develop the knowledge and skills they need to excel. www.raps.org

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