

European Medicines Agency (EMA):

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) is an agency of the European Union (EU) located in London. It is responsible for the evaluation of applications for Community marketing authorization concerning human and veterinary medicines. The used process to approve the medicines is the centralized authorization procedure which results in a single marketing authorization, also called Community marketing authorization, valid in all EU and EEA-EFTA states (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway). This procedure is necessary for all medicines derived from biotechnology and other high-tech processes, all advanced therapy medicines, medicines intended for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, neurodegenerative diseases, auto-immune and other immune dysfunctions, viral diseases and all orphan medicines intended for the treatment of rare diseases. Moreover the procedure is indispensable for all veterinary medicines intended for use as performance enhancers in order to promote the growth of treated animals or to increase yields from treated animals.

In addition to the scientific evaluation, which is conducted by six scientific committees composed of members of all EU and EEA-EFTA states, the Agency constantly monitors if the benefit-risk balance of a medicine has changed since it was authorized as well as it offers scientific advice and protocol assistance to pharmaceutical companies.

To fulfill its main responsibility, the protection of public and animal health, the Agency is always interested in recruiting the best available expertise and know-how. It offers career opportunities to all nationals of the EU and EEA-EFTA states on condition that they have full rights as a citizen and have fulfilled any obligations imposed on them by laws concerning military service.

For everyone who is interested in working for the Agency, all current vacancies are advertised online. Additionally there is offered a trainee programme, which gives an understanding of the Agency and its role within the EU as well as it provides professional experience for young university graduates or those who are at the beginning of a new professional career.

Another possibility to work for the Agency is via an employment agency used for short-term staffing needs. A list of the relevant agencies is published online.

For further information visit the homepage of the European Medicines Agency:

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