



Overview

End-Point Assessment (EPA) is the final assessment for an apprentice. An apprentice cannot achieve their apprenticeship without passing the End-Point Assessment. The EPA must take place within 3 months of passing through Gateway.

EPA is an opportunity for an apprentice to showcase what they have learnt during their apprenticeship for a Specialist Teaching Assistant Level 5. The assessments for this standard include an Observation with Questions and a Professional Discussion Underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence.

The Observation with Questions component of End-Point Assessment for Specialist Teaching Assistant Level 5 can only be carried out face-to-face.



Gateway

Gateway requirements for a Specialist Teaching Assistant Level 5 apprenticeship include:

- Evidence the apprentice has achieved maths and English qualifications in line with the funding rules
- A completed Portfolio of Evidence
- Confirmation that the apprentice is ready for EPA and has spent a minimum of 12 months on programme
- Declaration of the chosen optional theme



Assessment Methods

Observation with Questions

The apprentice will be observed in their workplace by an independent assessor. There must be no simulation in the observation. The observation will take 2 hours, inclusive of a 90-minute observation and 30 minutes for questioning following the observation. The assessor will ask at least 6 questions.

At least one day before the observation, the apprentice must provide a session plan (and any relevant support materials) to NQual. The activities in the session should allow the apprentice the opportunity to demonstrate the KSBs for this component.

Professional Discussion Underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence

The Professional Discussion will last 60 minutes and will be a structured discussion between the apprentice and the independent assessor, to establish the apprentice's understanding and application of the knowledge, skills and behaviours. The apprentice can refer to the portfolio to illustrate their answers, but the portfolio is not directly assessed. The assessor will ask a minimum of 10 questions.



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Results

Results will be communicated within 10 working days of the final assessment.

If an apprentice Fails one or more component, they will be offered the opportunity to re-sit / re-take the component(s).

Where any assessment method must be re-sat or re-taken, the apprentice will be awarded a maximum EPA grade of Pass. Re-sits and re-takes are not offered to an apprentice wishing to move from Pass to a higher grade.



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