



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 Gateway approval.

EPA is an opportunity for an apprentice to showcase what they have learnt during their apprenticeship for a Teaching Assistant Level 3. The assessments for this standard include an Observation with Questioning and a Professional Discussion Underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence.

The observation component of End-Point Assessment for Teaching Assistant Level 3 can only be carried out face-to-face and simulation is not permitted.



Gateway

Gateway requirements for a Teaching Assistant Level 3 apprenticeship include:

- Evidence of achieving relevant maths and English qualifications if required by funding regulations or the employer
- A completed Portfolio of Evidence
- Typically, 18 months on programme, with a minimum of 12 months completed



Assessment Methods

Observation with Questioning

Apprentices must be observed working directly with a learner or a group of learners, either in the classroom or in an intervention. Observations may include set up of the learning environment and time post lesson/intervention to include learner and staff interaction, in addition to observation of the teaching.

The 90-minute observation will be followed by a Q&A session lasting for 20 minutes (110-minute overall assessment time) where the independent assessor will question the apprentice in order to clarify practice seen in the observation and to support the apprentice to meet any criteria not directly observed.

Professional Discussion Underpinned by a Portfolio of Evidence

The Professional Discussion will last 90 minutes and be a structured discussion between the apprentice and the independent assessor, following the practical observation, to establish the apprentice's understanding and application of the knowledge, skills and behaviours.



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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). It is then up to the apprentice's employer how many attempts an apprentice is given.

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



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