



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 Teaching Assistant Level 3. The assessments for this standard include an Observation with Questioning and a Professional Discussion Underpinned by Portfolio of Evidence.

The End-Point Assessment for Teaching Assistant Level 3 can only be carried out face-to-face, unless otherwise agreed with NQual.

demonstrate how they have applied their KSBs in a work environment to achieve genuine and demanding work objectives.

This will then be followed by a Q&A session lasting for 20 minutes (this is accounted for within the 110-minute overall assessment time) where the independent assessor will question the apprentice in order to clarify any sector / specialist practice from the observation.

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.



Gateway

Gateway requirements for a Teaching Assistant Level 3 apprenticeship includes:

- Evidence the apprentice has achieved Level 2 maths and English
- A completed Portfolio of Evidence
- Typically, 18 months on programme



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.



Assessment Methods

Observation with Questioning

Apprentices will be observed within their workplace over a one-day period where they will have a total of 110 minutes to



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