

Future Apprenticeships Webinar: Apprenticeship End-point Assessment Questions and Answers

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Criteria for getting on the RoAAO

Q: Can we be an end-point assessment centre even if we don't deliver any of the new standards?

A: Yes. Delivery is not a pre-requisite for applying to the Register and becoming an end-point assessment organisation. But you will need to meet the occupational and assessment criteria which is set out in the application process. You will need to have recent and relevant experience of working in the occupational area the standard and assessment plan is in, and also the appropriate assessment expertise and experience.

Q: Do you have to be able to deliver EPAs nationally?

A: No. In the application process we will ask you where in England you are able to offer delivery.

Q: What happens if we are approved to be on the RoAAO and then find out next year we have not managed to get on the RoATO?

A: They are separate so you can be on one and not the other. The RoAAO is the register you need to be on to deliver independent end-point assessment. RoATO is the register you need to be on to deliver on-programme training. **Remember that the same organisation cannot deliver on-programme training and end-point assessment for the same standard/assessment plan to the same group of apprentices.**

Q: Do we have to go through the whole EPAO approval process every time we want to add a standard, or is there a 'lighter-touch' process for approval to assess additional standards?

A: You will need to submit a new application and answer the questions. However, you will be able to re-use your previous answers for a proportion of the application. How much will depend largely on the Standard, which you have been approved for and the time lapse between applications. For example,

- if the assessment plan you are applying against is in a different occupational area, we will require new occupational evidence.
- Whether we will also require new assessment evidence depends on whether the assessment approach set out in the plan is significantly different to the approaches

in the plans you may already be offering end-point assessment against.

- If you have published a new set of financial accounts since your last application the financial section will need to be updated.

As part of the re-launch of the RoAAO in October we are looking further at how we deal with organisations who are already on the RoAAO to deliver against other standards and what further and/or additional evidence may need to be submitted.

Q: Does each organisation apply to register for each standard or as a whole centre to deliver the apprenticeships?

A: To apply to the Register you must be a legal entity as an organisation and the application must be specific to a standard and to an organisation. The RoAAO is about end-point assessment of apprentices, not on-programme delivery.

Q: Can professional Awarding organisations carry out the end-point assessments?? E.G City and Guilds.

A: Yes, if they are successful in applying to the Register of Apprentice Assessment Organisations.

Q: We were told that we could not apply as we had not already delivered the standards.

Q: Can you be an assessment Centre without providing apprenticeships?

A: There is nothing to stop any organisation from applying to the Register and being successful if they meet the criteria. Prior delivery of apprenticeships is not a pre-requisite, but we do need applicants to demonstrate they have experience and knowledge of working with the occupation.

Similarly, there is nothing to stop an organisation applying to deliver end-point assessment for a particular standard/assessment if they are also delivering on-programme training for that same standard. **But, the same organisation cannot deliver on programme training and end-point assessment for the same standard/assessment plan to the same group of apprentices.** In our feedback we will alert you to this and we will also require all organisations to have a conflict of interest policy.

Q: What criteria company wise is required to become an end-point assessor?

A: This is set out in the pre-application guidance.

Q: Can application to become an assessment centre be made before the apprenticeship standard is finally approved?

A: No. Standards are only made available on the RoAAO for applications once the assessment plan has been published. It cannot be any sooner, as it would not be possible for an applicant to describe how they will deliver the end-point assessment if the process has not been agreed by the Trailblazer Group, and approved by Ministers.

Q: How are end-point assessment centres standardized to ensure consistency?

A: There are four types of external quality assurance which can be adopted (Ofqual, employer group, professional body, IfA) and we would expect the standardisation and moderation arrangements across all end-point assessment organisations to ensure consistency of quality and approach across a standard, regardless of which assessment

organisation has delivered the assessment and where and when it is carried out. Like the assessment themselves, external QA needs to be independent of those who lead on the design and delivery of assessments.

Q: Can an individual be an assessor, or does this need to be a Centre? For the multi-choice questions, are these going to be available via awarding bodies e.g. City & Guilds (similar to the Maths & English assessments)? Can you be an assessment Centre without providing apprenticeships?

A: End-point assessment is not about assessment centres – it is about one organisation undertaking end-point assessment. Individuals with the required assessment and occupational expertise must be contracted to an end-point assessment organisation. Where an assessment plan may require multiple choice tests unless the plan indicates that another organisation may be developing the question banks, the end-point assessment organisation will need to do this, and have the appropriate infrastructure to do this, themselves.

Q: Is the End-point assessment register the same register as the ROATO as this does not open until October, you said it has been open for some time?

A: No this is different. The RoATP is for delivery. The RoAAO is for end-point assessment organisations.

Q: How do we access the RoAAO now or can we only join when it is relaunched in October?

Q: The register is open every month????

A: The Register opens on a monthly basis and new assessment plans are added regularly. It will be open up until the re-launch, and will open monthly thereafter.

Q: Richard explained that the September Register is open on Bravo, but it does not appear to be - I am just wondering if it will be opening today and there is a slight time lag?

A: There was a delay between the time I was informed it would be open, and when it was. It opened on 12 September.

Q: I have had problems accessing the register via Bravo - I have registered my organisation but do not see the register. Is there any help?

A: This may be because the Register application had not been put back up onto Bravo following the August applications being taken off. If you still have problems, please contact help@bravosolution.co.uk

Q: Where on the bravo solutions portal is the application to become an end-point assessment organisation?

A: The following is taken from the published guidance.

Where to find the application form and documents

1. Type <https://skillsfundingagency.bravosolution.co.uk/> into your internet browser.
2. Input your username and password and click 'Go'.

3. Click on the 'PQQs Open to All Suppliers' link.
4. Click on the PQQ titled 'Apprentice Assessment Organisations'.
5. Click on the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. This will move the PQQ into your 'My PQQs' page.
6. Access the documents by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ Details' box.

Q: Re previous application question, if that organisation isn't currently an EPAO for a standard does that matter? Will they need to re-apply under new launch?

A: If an organisation is already on the RoAAO and an end-point assessment they do not need to reapply as a result of the re-launch.

Q: Will there be different qualification requirements for Tutors / Assessors to deliver the standards?

A: We expect all organisations to have appropriately qualified and experienced assessors and we will require evidence of this. Many assessment plans do set out some specific requirements linked to the plan and/or specify certain qualifications and/or professional membership. We will see more indication of explicit assessor requirements as new assessment plans come through as Trailblazers are being asked to be more explicit and clearer about the expertise they expect assessors to have. So you should always ensure you read and are familiar with the requirements of the assessment plan. In addition, you will be required to evidence occupational expertise and experience in the area the assessment plan is in. Remember that end-point assessment is not about on-programme training and/or delivery, it is about independent assessment of the apprentice.

Q: Can we apply for standards that are already approved and have EPA's appointed?

A: Yes. There is no limit on the number of organisations that can offer end-point assessment, except where the assessment plan specifically names the organisation/s that can do delivery.

Q: Is there a maximum amount of areas where you can be an EPA centre?

A: No. We would encourage organisations to come forward to deliver assessment against multiple standards provided that they meet the requirements for getting onto the RoAAO for each individual standard they apply against.

Q: Would you be able to register if you are a limited company focusing on training and quality?

A: Yes. But remember that the RoAAO is about undertaking independent end-point assessment, it is not about on-programme delivery of training. There must be separation between those undertaking the on-programme delivery and the end-point assessment.

Q: Is it right that one of the criteria is that you have to have delivered Trailblazer standards already?

A: No, that is not right. But you must have experience of assessment. You must also be able to supply evidence that you have the necessary occupational expertise and experience of the area the assessment plan is in, so this could involve you giving examples of recent working with employers in the occupational area.

Q: Will an organisation that successfully passed the financial aspect last year have to re-apply?

A: We do not, currently operate an annual refresh cycle. But financial robustness can change. You will need to inform us if there is a change in your financial circumstances. As the Register matures we will consider introducing a regular cycle for those on the Register to review and update their information.

Q: Can you please clarify what is meant by being in receipt of public funding as this appears to exclude awarding organisations?

A: It means that the payment you will receive for undertaking end-point assessment will (currently) come from the SFA, via the provider. So it is public funding, even though you will be selected by the employer and may be contracted by the lead provider to ensure that money can flow to you. This does not exclude awarding organisations.

Q: If a provider consortium applied to the register to cover geographic and sector areas collectively, would they have to set up a separate company?

A: Not necessarily, but they would not be able to assess any apprentices that they have trained.

Q: At the end of the month if the application is not submitted because it is not ready - does the information remain or does it disappear?

A: It remains and you can go into the application and edit the information later.

Q: Does a provider have to be delivering a standard themselves, to be able to assess it for others through the register?

A: No. Please refer to earlier answers to similar questions. An organisation who wishes to undertake end-point assessment does not have to be delivering the standard, but they do need to be able to evidence their occupational and assessment experience and expertise and meet the requirements of the Register.

How will EPA work?

Q: Could we use two people to complete an end-point assessment, i.e. a professional who is working in the role/sector, linked with an assessor?

A: In certain circumstances but only if that model meets the criteria in the standard assessment plan. As part of applying to the Register we do ask for information about your intended delivery model for end-point assessment. We do not prescribe a delivery model, but the approach you take must be in-line with the information and requirements set out in the assessment plan you are applying against. The independent assessor must also make the final judgement on whether or not the apprentice has passed each assessment method.

Q: Can there be more than one end-point assessment organisation per standard?

A: Yes. Competition is being encouraged.

Q: If the end-point assessment organisation is accountable for the achievement of the standard who is responsible for claiming of the standard.

A: The end-point assessment organisation will be responsible and accountable for claiming the apprentice's certificate. Currently this is through FISSS.

Q: Although when Assessment Plans are published we are told 'these are ready for delivery'. How can we see if EPA Organisations are available to conduct the EPA?

Q: There were only 17 organisations approved on the list when I last checked. Is this correct?

A: Those organisations who are registered to undertake end-point assessment are currently listed on the [Register](#) on the gov.uk site. The list of organisations is being added to and we are working with key stakeholders (AELP, AoC, FAB, JCQ, employers, Trailblazers, professional bodies) to raise awareness of the Register and end-point assessment and to encourage more organisations to apply and become end-point assessment organisations. Ultimately end-point assessment organisations will be able to be found through the DAS.

Q: Will there be a standard costing model? Concerns have been raised with regards to certain specialist sector prices for end assessment being more than funding or employer contributions especially in electritechnical where AM2 costs are rocketing?

A: Trailblazers are required to indicate anticipated costs of end-point assessment in the assessment plans and the recommendation is that the cost of end-point assessment should not exceed more than 20% of the cost of the overall fundable cost of the apprenticeship. There is not a standard costing model, but SFA and DfE are monitoring areas like costs of end-point assessment as more assessment plans are approved.

Q: Will the end-point assessor be assessing the whole qualification hence doing a more of IQA role and the requirement of IQA dropped?

Q: It has previously been said that end-point Assessors will need to be IQA status - is this still the case?

Q: Do the end-point assessors need to hold an assessor qualification and be currently practicing in the area of the standard?

A: Please see previous answer, we require that all organisations which apply to the RoAAO have appropriate and robust internal quality assurance processes for their own end-point assessment process. Please however note that an apprenticeship standard is not a qualification. It may however contain qualifications in exceptional circumstances if it meets the Government's criteria for mandating qualifications in apprenticeship standards.

Q: It would be interesting to know how much assessment it is i.e. is it a unit?

A: The assessment methods, the approach, the grading approach will be laid out in each assessment plan. It is therefore important to understand the content of an assessment plan before applying to deliver the end-point assessment.

Q: How would this change affect the role of Assessors?

A: Those delivering on-programme delivery of a standard may still be involved in on-programme assessment so in many ways where assessment is part of on-programme delivery, the role of the assessor remains much as it now. However, end-point assessment is about assessment outside of a training and delivery context and is specifically focused on the assessment of the apprentice during the end-point assessment phase of their apprenticeship as set out in the relevant assessment plan. Therefore, the role is different. The assessor from the end-point assessment organisation must not have had prior contact with the apprentices.

Q: Are EPA retakes going to be permissible?

A: In principle yes, but always refer to the assessment plan and funding rules.

Q: Are EPA Organisations expected to write the assessment criteria that fall under the Learning Outcomes of the assessment plans?

A: The individual assessment plans will set out the criteria for assessment and whether any of the content or materials of these assessments needs to be developed by the end-point assessment organisation/s.

Q: Do we have any idea of how much externals are charging for end-point assessment?

A: Costs vary depending on which standard and also what the end-point assessment chooses to charge the employer. We do however recommend that the overall cost of the end-point assessment (including the cost of certification and external quality assurance) should not exceed 20% of the overall fundable cost of the apprenticeship.

Q: If a provider were to become an EPA org, would they be responsible for creating all resources i.e. exam tests, criteria of skills test etc. or would they be working with an Awarding Body where they could buy in resources? Is there also going to be guidance on the National QA of EPA?

A: It depends on the assessment plan. In some plans where approaches such as multiple choice tests or projects are referenced, the Trailblazer may have already confirmed these are in existence and signalled in the assessment plan where they may be accessed. In other assessment plans, there is the expectation that the end-point assessment organisation will both design and develop question banks based on the parameters set out in the assessment plan. This is why we strongly recommend reading and being familiar with the assessment plan because in some areas you may be required to invest in significant development of materials. An end-point assessment organisation could decide to work with an awarding organisation in the development of end-point assessment resources, but this would need to be clearly articulated and laid out in the application for the RoAAO. We do require all organisations applying to give us information on the delivery model they will adopt and whether they are outsourcing or working in collaboration. We expect further guidance around the four models of external quality assurance to become available in due course.

Q: Will the registered organisation be expected to provide a centre/venue for the end assessment or will there be an option for the end assessment to take place in the Learners actual workplacewhat will be the criteria for this?

A: This depends on the nature of the end-point assessment and what is required. In some

cases, yes the end-point assessment organisation will need to provide venues and resources. For other Standards it is stated the end-point assessment must/should take place on the employers' premises.

Occupational experience

Q: Is recent CPD classed as relevant if someone worked in a sector but let 5 years ago if they regularly go back to refresh and update?

Q: Will an assessor or IQA be considered occupationally compliant if they no longer work directly in the industry but full time assessor /IQA?

A: Our concern here would be how recent and relevant any occupational experience and expertise was. Where this may be the case, we would expect to see evidence of how the individual has ensured they maintain the up to date occupational practice and knowledge. It depends on the nature of the CPD and the profile of other individuals working in the organisation. The CPD needs to be focussed on actively re-engaging with the occupational area and ensuring relevant skills and knowledge is refreshed and kept current. In addition, as indicated earlier, many assessment plans will contain additional information/requirements around CPD and expectations of CPD. And, we are also looking at organisational level occupational expertise and experience as well. But you should be aware that, in the main, we expect occupational experience to be within the last three years.

Q: How is 'occupational experience' of a standard defined?

Q: My question would be: Does the organisation need occupational experience? Or the assessor?

Q: How recent is up to date occupational experience and competence? Is there a certain timeframe?

Q: If an assessor has not had any occupational experience for some time (i.e. 3 years, because he's been an assessor for that time) will he lose the ability to assess. Or will he have to be employed in their specific occupational area as well as an assessor?

Q: What is the definition of "recent"?

A: Currently we ask that occupational capacity and capability is within the last three years. We expect evidence around the organisation's expertise and experience in the occupational area the assessment plan/standard they are applying against. Although this could encompass delivery of training and/or qualifications, it needs to evidence that the organisation has actively and recently worked with employers and also that individuals within the organisation have recent evidence of working in the occupational area as well. That there is up to date and active knowledge of the job role, of the technological and other developments across the occupational area. And this could be also through working with Trailblazers and/or testimonials from employers in the occupational area.

Q: So, a training provider does not provide care to adults. It can hire staff who once did. Does this count as occupational experience?

A: The occupational experience has to be both at organisational and individual levels. We will look for evidence that the organisation has actively worked with employers in the occupational area and that individuals also have recent and relevant occupational experience. Both the organisation and the individual have to understand the job role that the occupational area of the assessment plan maps against.

Q: If someone is doing both training and assessment, can they have separate line managers for each function?

A: We would not expect the same organisation to be both delivering on-programme training and end-point assessment to the same apprentices for the same standard/assessment plan. If there is an organisation which has both a training and an assessment arm then, as with all applications to the RoAAO, we expect to see evidence of an appropriate conflict of interest policy.

Q: Would you suggest that assessors should be 'pooled' and then organisations make a bid to the pool for an assessor?

A: No. We would recommend that organisations applying to the Register have their own resource of assessors; this does not rule out subcontracting or bringing in additional resource, but there must be a critical mass of individuals contracted to each end-point assessment organisation.

Q: I am really struggling with this occupational experience part. So, let's say we want to apply to be an EPA for a Golf Green Maintenance standard. Do we as an organisation need to also maintain golf greens? Do we need to hire staff who once maintained golf greens? How many staff need to do it? How long can they be employed with us before they lose the 'recent experience'? I don't get how this is supposed to work.

Q: As a training provider there is not a chance we'll have occupational experience for a lot of this... Surely this is really for a golf green maintenance firm to become an EPA, rather than a training provider becoming the EPA for the golf green maintenance firms.

A: As an organisation you should be able to provide us with evidence that you have actively worked in the occupational area the assessment plan you are applying against is in. This could involve delivering training and/or consultancy in that area, working with employers in that area, active involvement with Trailblazers, testimonials from employers in that area. The individuals you have in your organisation should also be familiar with the occupational area and we would expect many of them to have recent experience of working on the area so that they understand the reach and demands of the job role.

We expect organisations to consider carefully the assessment plans they may wish to apply against. One factor in deciding whether or not to seek to deliver end-point assessment, is whether or not the organisation has the necessary occupational experience.

Separation between Assessment and delivery

Q: Can an EPA provider conduct EPA within their own organisation? E.g. large health and social care organisation?

A: The same organisation cannot deliver on-programme training and undertake end-point assessment to the same apprentices against the same standard/assessment plan as they must be independent and have nothing to gain from the outcome of the assessment. Assessment should be delivered by an independent third party, or in such a way that no party who has been involved in the management or training of the apprentice can make the sole decision on passing the end-point assessment. However, in the case here, a large organisation may be delivering on-programme training and another part of that organisation undertaking end-point assessment, we will need to see robust evidence of separation (including financial separation) and a clear conflict of interest policy before

confirming whether they would be able to conduct EPA within their own organisation.

Q: What do you mean by an end-point assessment centre cannot deliver the same learning elements to apprentices?

Q: Can the organisation be the deliverer of the apprenticeship, and be the EPA centre but with different staff?

Q: Can the same organisation deliver training and provide end-point assessment if the staff teams are organisationally separate, or do they need to be employed by completely separate organisations? What degree of separation is required: is it enough to have different line managers?

Q: Can assessors provide some training (e.g. functional skills or theory) to different groups of apprentices from those they will? Or do people have to do assessment or training but not both?

Q: Thanks but are you saying the organisation or an employer in that organisation cannot be involved in the EPA?

A: One organisation cannot both undertake on-programme training and end-point assessment to the same apprentices against the same assessment plan. One organisation could be both on the RoTO to deliver on-programme training, and on the RoAAO to undertake end-point assessment – but this would need to be to different groups of apprentices.

We would need to see financial separation as well as across the organisation and again, we would not expect the same organisation to be delivering training and end-point assessment to the same group of apprentices.

Q: How can assessors input into building a bank of questions/assessments as this would be a conflict of interest?

A: In some cases, an end-point assessment organisation will be required to develop question banks and administer and mark those tests. We expect that organisation to have in place clear arrangements to ensure that development, administration and marking of test is not subject to conflict of interest and that there is a clear separation across these activities.

Q: How clear are the rules on independence of assessment? To what extent do symbiotic relationships compromise the rules? Are there any details on the appeals procedures for end-point assessors? How are end-point assessment centres standardized to ensure consistency?

A: All end-point assessment organisations will be required to have conflict of interest policies in place and assessors contractually obliged to declare actual or potential conflicts. The revised pre application guidance will contain more on this. By symbiotic we presume this means reciprocal arrangements. Given that employers will be selecting the end-point assessment organisation; we would not expect reciprocal relationships to be commonplace.

Q: Assuming the organisation is on the register are you saying that it doesn't need to be a different organisation than those who train the Apprentice it just needs to be someone who hasn't directly delivered the training to the Apprentice

A: An organisation can be on both registers, but the same organisation cannot assess apprentices that their organisation has also trained as this approach does not meet our

independence criterion.

Q: Can the same individual - working for an employer provider - complete the end-point assessment that is delivering training?

A: No, the same individual cannot undertake both the delivery and the end-point assessment.

Q: Could that be a different team within a company or does it have to be a completely different Organisation?

A: Where it is an employer, they can conduct end-point assessment of apprentices in their own organisation in exceptional circumstances providing there is a clear and physical separation between the training and assessment arms and providing those undertaking the end-point assessment have no prior link with those they are assessing. This approach should only be taken as a last resort if it has not been possible for an independent assessor to conduct the EPA. And the organisation would still be required to be on the Register of Apprentice Assessment Organisations.

Q: Can an organisation that is both a training provider and an awarding organisation become an EPAO, so long as the conflict of interest is managed?

A: Yes.

Q: What about umbrella companies? Is that a conflict of interests?

A: Can you explain what you mean by umbrella companies?

Quality Assurance

Q: Will it be the trailblazer groups or SFA that will decide on how each EPA organisation will be quality monitored?

Q: If not accredited EFP then who is going to EQA these?

A: End-point assessment organisations will be subject to and monitored through external quality assurance arrangements. There are 4 possible models of external quality assurance (EQA); [Ofqual](#), employer-led, professional body or the Institute for Apprenticeships. Please see earlier response above.

Q: Does the training provider do the IQA on the end-point assessment or is this totally undertaken by the end-point assessment organisation?

A: The end-point assessment organisation is responsible for the internal quality assurance of its own end-to-end assessment process. It is then subject to external quality assurance by the organisation set out in the assessment plan.

Q: How does certification work? Will it still be ACE?

Do we know who will be providing the EPA certificate?

A: Please see above

Q: Who will be the body that will issue the apprenticeship certificate, will this be centrally through government or an AO?

A: Currently the Federation for Industry Sector Skills & Standards (FISSS) is responsible for certification of apprentice standards.

Q: Re: standardisation of EPAs. How will EPAs ensure standardisation especially in relation to multi-choice end tests?

A: Please refer to previous answers, all end-point assessment and end-point assessment organisations will be subject to external quality assurance. Assessment plans should also set out the parameters for each assessment method including multiple choice tests to help ensure a consistent approach between different assessment organisations. This typically includes setting out what knowledge, skills and behaviours the method is designed to test, as well as the duration of that assessment method.

Q: How do you assure standardisation of EPA multi choice questions if all EPA organisations are devising their own?

A: Please refer to previous answer (noting that in some assessment plans the end-point assessment will be using an existing test bank).

Costs

Q: Are the end-point assessment rates within the published funding rates? And is there a maximum amount that can be weighted to end-point assessment costs?

A: Assessment plans must include guidance on the anticipated costs of end-point assessment. The overall cost of EPA (including the cost of certification and external quality assurance) should not exceed 20% of the overall fundable cost of the apprenticeship.

Q: How will cost and price of assessments be set/agreed?

Q: Is the cost of EPA fixed or negotiable between different EPA's

A: It is for the employer and the end-point assessment organisation to agree the final costs, involving the lead provider.

Q: What happens if the apprentice fails and the employer insisted they were ready against the advice of the provider who pays for resits?

A: The apprentice will need to satisfy gateway requirements prior to undertake end-point assessment. Irrespective of pass and/or fail, the end-point assessment organisation will need to be paid for the end-point assessment it undertakes.

Q: Who pays the end-point assessor is it the provider or is it through DAS?

A: Currently it is through the provider, in time, end-point assessment organisations will be embedded in the DAS.

Q: Is there any indicative funding levels attached to each end-point assessment?

A: The current [Funding Rules](#) give details of how end-point assessment organisations may be paid. Indicative funding levels are not attached to end-point assessment.

Other

Q: Can employer groups still decide to limit to one Assessment Organisation? I thought this was no longer allowed.

A: For some assessment plans there may be a single named organisation identified to undertake end-point assessment because there is no other organisation able to undertake

the assessment due to statutory or regulatory requirements.

Q: Is it still the case that only one organisation be named in the assessment plan as the assessment organisation or was this for earlier assessment plans?

A: This can be the case where there is only one organisation that has the ownership of a particular requirement, such as for Surveyors.

Q: Is there going to be a consultation on EPA and its validity?

A: Currently no consultation on end-point assessment is planned.

Q: How many people are taking part in the poll?

A: 428 people attended the live webinar. 80% of them answered the polling questions.

Q: Is the list of approved standards current and how often is it updated?

A: It is updated regularly:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/546991/Apps_standards_list_190816.pdf

Q: Has hairdressing and barbering been published yet?

A: Please see previous response which contains a link to published standards and assessment plans.

Q: Where would I be able to find out what standards have been published?

A:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/546991/Apps_standards_list_190816.pdf

Q: Would be really helpful to know if there are any estimates of apprenticeship numbers for any individual standard?

A: I think that this will have to be provided through an assessment organisations own intelligence.

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