

Questions and Answers

Transitioning to the new Golf Greenkeeping and Horticulture Operative apprenticeship standards 01.06.2018

Will funding be available for abrasive wheel as part of the landscape standard?

This is not a mandatory qualification within the published standard. However, whether the funding can be used towards this will depend upon whether it is classified as a license to practice by the ESFA. We suggest your examinations funding team liaises directly with the ESFA information sources to clarify this. Alternatively, an individual employer may pay separately for this as part of the package of training and support agreed between them and the training provider.

Could we have the codes?

- Horticulture Operative: 9124 – 12
- Landscape Operative: 9125 – 12

These are also available on our [website](#) and on Walled Garden.

When a learner is only exposed to, say, 80% of the required course elements in the workplace, will they be penalised at end-point assessment (EPA)? For example, no direct exposure to propagation in the work place.

The way to answer this is to look at the initial agreement between the employer and the training provider when the apprentice is taken on. We strongly recommend you print out two copies of the training specification and very pragmatically tick or highlight the individual elements of the skills, knowledge and behaviours covered in the workplace by the employer or covered by the training provider. This will identify any potential gaps at the start and allow the employer and training provider to devise an appropriate action plan to ensure these are addressed.

How much notice of the EPA date will the apprentice and employer get?

Once the gateway has been reached, it's down to the training provider to agree a date for EPA with the employer and the apprentice, and ensure the employer knows the agreed date, particularly if there's a practical task involved. We have a 90-day notice period for EPA reservations and will aim to accommodate preferred dates wherever possible.

Can you let me have the NLBC webpage to get resources for the Sports Turf Operative?

City & Guilds is not an approved EPA organisation for this standard. However, you can check the [NLBC website](#).

Will there be any example exam questions?

There will be one sample knowledge paper produced for each standard.