

9077 Level 2 Bricklayer FAQs

Questions and answers

Any simulated (College work) evidence allowed in their portfolio?

No. The assessment plan states from within the workplace.

Will C&G accept the portfolio from the many e-portfolio platforms available through a link/file?

You will need to download from that particular platform and uploaded onto our EPA platform.

To clarify, if a candidate is building their e-portfolio the evidence then has to be printed off and sent by pdf for the EPA?

Yes. We are not able to access your platforms. This is to ensure we limit any possible data breaches. City & Guilds also store EPA documentation for 7 years for audit requirements to meet EQA criteria.

If we moved to Learning Assistant would we still have download and print the electronic portfolio?

Yes you would as EPA is a separate arm of our business.

Will the assessor and apprentice have access to and refer to the portfolio during the oral questioning?

Yes, the assessor will have a copy of the portfolio and the apprentice should use the portfolio to support them in the oral questioning assessment aspect of the EPA.

Can we put 15 pieces of evidence on one-word document?

You can create a story board approach to the portfolio as long as the referencing is there. We provide a Portfolio Evidence Recording form and a Portfolio Checklist. Both of these documents must be completed. See the EPA Recording Forms document.

How can you have 15 pieces of evidence to cover 5 KSB'S without duplication

Duplication should be avoided or kept to a minimum. Remember, the expectation is the portfolio has breadth and depth covering the KSBs identified in the assessment plan.

Can I confirm, do the 15 showcase evidence pieces have to cover all the KSB's?

Just those given under the assessment method: 'oral questioning underpinned by the portfolio' in the assessment plan. As much variation in the practical skills should be the aim in the portfolio. You can see what this may include as outlined in the standard. These are also listed in the Portfolio Evidence Reference Form which must

be completed for submission. Remember behaviours can be demonstrated through a range of practical skills.

I have an apprentice who works for large companies carrying out typically house building and the employer does not cover all the Skills (arches etc.). How do we meet this in the standards so the learner passes the EPA- would the college need to cover any practical that is not met on site?

A training provider would teach all the KSBs in the standard. The expectation is employers will support their apprentices by providing a range of on-site practical activities, just as they did for NVQs.

As the EPA plan says 'typical' 15 pieces of evidence, how can the guilds force it to be only 15?

The assessment plan does say typically 15 pieces of work and therefore some scope to increase or decrease this, but the expectation is circa 15 pieces of work.

How do we get the Password for the Resource Pack on the C&G website?

The password is available on Walled Garden

Does the apprentice have to prepare their own mortar?

The technician will be required to mix the majority of the mortar. However, for some elements the apprentice will be required to mix some mortar.

Will the candidate know the results of the skills test and oral questioning on the day?

No. They will need to wait for the result to be QA'd. The result will show in walled garden shortly afterwards.

How many times can an apprentice resit ?

There is no limit on the number of times they can resit if they fail an aspect of the EPA assessment. However, they must pass all component parts within the 4-month window after gateway. They can only get a pass as an outcome for any assessments they have to resit.

If candidate cannot improve a grade through the retake, then surely this disadvantaging the student?

This is what the assessment plan states and is the same across all Standards.

Has the EPA been trialed and if so, was this by a bricklayer or a trainee?

The tasks have been trialed.

How long do we have to wait from booking an EPA date to the actual EPA taking place?

Currently we are working to 60 days, however with EPA Pro there will be a reduced booking time of 3-4 weeks i.e. 15 to 20 working days.

Where does the digital badge go?

It goes to the learner's email address

Should not be self-reflection/assessment. Would a descriptive write-up around the knowledge elements on how they use/store/maintain tools for example be classed as self-reflection?

The assessment plan states no self-reflection, or self-assessment for the portfolio content. This does not stop self-reflection/assessment for the training. The portfolio evidence write up can cover how they stored materials but not for example that they stored 500 bricks 20m away when they could have stored these next to the job in hand and they then write up to say they would have done this differently and explain what that would be.

Could you possibly give me an example of a practical job for the 12 hour skills test?

On a slide in the presentation is a brief description of what maybe an example skills test. But the resource pack and any pre-built work given in our documents will give you a clue as to what this maybe.

The apprentices are completing level 3 work which is now incorporated but can only gain a blue CSCS card? am I right in thinking that?

The standard is a level 2 so a blue trade card would be given if the apprentice passes the HSE test set by CSCS.

SmartScreen enhanced, where is this?

This is on our SmartScreen platform for the level 2 in brickwork

Where are the Apprenticeship Training Manuals ATM kept?

This is on SmartScreen and can be uploaded into any e-portfolio you use. Its £350 for as many users you wish to assign it too.