

## Questions and Answers

# Transitioning to the new Arborist and Forest Operative apprenticeship standards

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We grouped the questions to make it easy to find what you're looking for. Please email any further questions to [apprenticeships@cityandguilds.com](mailto:apprenticeships@cityandguilds.com).

- On-programme
- Funding
- End-point assessment (EPA)

### On-programme

**When will it be established if the Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work is acceptable as a mandatory qualification for both standards?**

Unfortunately we're unable to answer this question at present. It has been forwarded to the employer group who are liaising with the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA) and we await their response.

### Funding

**The 'licence to practice' funding is not fully clear and yet many providers are already delivering. How can they have costed the course without this information?**

We're unable to comment on individual commercial arrangements. We can only assume that training providers have come to individual arrangements with employers. We're unable to directly clarify the funding situation, but recognise that a swift clarification would be helpful for all.

## **End-point assessment (EPA)**

### **Do you have sample assessment material for the Arborist EPA?**

The assessment plans provided by the employer group contains sample assessment suggestions and City & Guilds will be basing our EPA activities around the guidance provided. We'll also be making a sample knowledge paper available online to providers who have registered with us for EPA.

### **What is the balance for the EPA payment?**

Our pricing structure will be visible to customers through Walled Garden.

### **Will end-point assessors for Arborist be available in the South West?**

Our assessors are able to cover the entire country, so we will be able to offer end-point assessment wherever required. We're always looking for more assessors, if you would like to find out more then please visit our [IEPA web page](#).

### **How many retake opportunities are available for Arborist and Forest Operative?**

There has been some confusion around this lately. The following retake opportunities are specified in the relevant Assessment Plans and these are what we are working to:

- Arborist has three retake opportunities
- Forest Operative has two retake opportunities.