

Questions and Answers

Shining a light on the opportunities of end-point assessment

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Will City & Guilds be running an end-point assessment (EPA) for Electrical or will this remain as the AM2?

ElectroTEC EPA will be supplied by the current AM2 centres managed by NET. City & Guilds currently does not intend to offer this service going forward.

Regarding EPA and resits - can you clarify that we can ask for 20% for EPA even if the cost quoted by the EPA organisation is lower than that (so that we can use the difference for resits) - what if a resit isn't required?

Any residual funding left after paying for the EPA can be used for apprentice resits up to the value of the 20% ceiling. You can only claim funding for services purchased that can be receipted.

Is the 20% for EPA, 20% of the top banding rate, or 20% of the negotiated price with the employer?

The 20% EPA value is calculated as the 20% of the funding rate.

Who will monitor success rates for training providers or EPA centres?

ESFA and Ofsted will be monitoring rates and timely completions. Awaiting clarification for these organisations.

When will City & Guilds start contacting applications for end-point assessors?

City & Guilds has already started contracting with end-point assessors in occupations where there is a current demand. The recruitment and contracting with assessors for EPA is implemented in line with customer requirement and where new apprenticeships have just had apprentice registrations, there will be at least a 12-month lag before EPA will be required.

Is City & Guilds only interested in colleges for consortium arrangements - what about independent providers who deliver over 70% of all apprenticeships?

City & Guilds is interested to work with PTP and FE consortiums to provide a supplier relationship for assessors and venues to support our EPA service where appropriate.

We will be building apprentice portfolios using an electronic portfolio. Will we need to give you access to these portfolios for EPA? Or will we need to present these on a different system?

City & Guilds will accept external electronic portfolio evidence where required. Guidance will be provided in line with each apprenticeship standard requirement.

If we buy a package from City & Guilds for EPA that includes resources, is this ok to be part of the 20%?

Depending on the City & Guilds product, the product may have an incentive to book early for EPA offering the on-programme support package at no additional cost. However, where products that support on-programme delivery are priced independently, these will need to be funded where appropriate from the 80% funding element.

Are there different costs for EPA depending on which model you go for? If so what are they?

The EPA model is set by the employers group and must meet the requirements across different EPA organisations. Variation in price is due to different technology and practices used, and the organisation cost base generating the main differences.

Do you have any price packages for EPA that you are currently offering? If so how do we get these?

City & Guilds prices for EPA are available on Walled Garden. Alternately a City & Guilds Business Manager would be available to talk you through the availability and pricing of EPA. If you don't know who your business manager is or don't have one yet, please email apprenticeships@cityandguilds.com and they can help connect you.

Is there a minimum % that can be paid per EPA?

There is no minimum percentage cost given for EPA. However the cost will need to meet the EPA organisation charge.

Will City & Guilds charge the full EPA cost or a fraction, depending on what needs to be re-assessed?

The charge for EPA re-assessments will be in line with what has been stipulated within the apprenticeship assessment plan. In some cases, an element approach is allowed and in other cases it has been stipulated that full re-assessment will be required.

Is there standardised training for EPA assessors?

City & Guilds application to become a registered EPA organisation has declared the standardised training and qualifications required to be a City & Guild EPA assessor. It is our responsibility to ensure these requirements are met.