

## HEALTH APPRENTICESHIP FRAMEWORKS ENGLAND

### Important Notice (version 4)

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Following a review of many of the Health Apprenticeship Frameworks in England in 2013, new rules apply from 01 January 2014. Please share this document widely with apprentices, their managers and training providers.

#### 1. UNIT SELECTION

From 01 January 2014 Apprentices must select specific units from the optional units available in the diploma qualifications as outlined in the table below. This is over and above the existing mandatory units in the diplomas. Certification for completion of the Apprenticeship will only be provided if the apprentice can provide certificated evidence that they have completed the following units:

- either Dementia Awareness (Level 2) [J\\_601\\_2874](#)  
or Understand the process and experience of Dementia (Level 3) [J\\_601\\_3538](#)
- Understand Mental Health Problems (Level 3) [J\\_602\\_0103](#)
- Undertake Physiological Measurements (Level 3) [R\\_601\\_8662](#)

Apprenticeship Framework (ENGLAND)	Level	Mental Health	Dementia	Physiological Measurement
Health (Clinical Healthcare Support)	Intermediate	✓	✓	✗
Health and Social Care (Health Pathway) <sup>1</sup>	Intermediate	✓	✓	✗
Health (Allied Health Profession support)	Advanced	✓	✓	✗
Health (Clinical Healthcare Support)	Advanced	✓	✓	✓
Health (Healthcare Support Services)	Advanced	✓	✓	✗
Health (Maternity and Paediatric Support)	Advanced	✗	✗	✓
Health and Social Care (Health Pathway) <sup>1</sup>	Advanced	✓	✓	✓

Only the frameworks listed in the table are affected by this requirement. Please note this is only applicable to Apprentices who begin their programme on or after 01 January 2014.

#### 2. GUIDED LEARNING HOURS

As of 01 January 2014, the minimum off-the-job guided learning hours across all of the frameworks listed above will increase. The new calculations are 175 hours for 12 month frameworks and 263 hours for 18 month frameworks. This has been worked out based on a basic allowance of 5 hours per week off-the-job. Please note that how the off-the-job learning hours are delivered within the frameworks is not specified. In other words some apprentices will be allocated the off-the-job learning hours on a weekly basis and others will carry them out in blocks as individually agreed with employers and learning providers. This change also affects the following Intermediate Apprenticeships: Health (Healthcare Support Services), Health (Emergency Care Assistance) and the following Advanced Apprenticeships: Health (Pathology Support) and Health (Perioperative Support).

Further details about Apprenticeships and Apprenticeship Certification in England can be found here <http://www.skillsforhealth.org.uk/getting-the-right-qualifications/apprenticeship-frameworks/apprenticeship-frameworks-england/>. Queries regarding certification should be directed to [acadmin@skillsforhealth.org.uk](mailto:acadmin@skillsforhealth.org.uk)

<sup>1</sup> NB The Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care (**Adult Social Care**) pathways are **not affected** by these changes