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What is the benefit from delivering a standard along with a qualification

Where a standard does not contain a mandatory qualification, providers and employers choose to deliver a qualification to provide a nationally recognised qualification to provide additional confidence in an Apprentice's ability. Also, if an Apprentice does not pass their EPA, they at least can have a qualification that can be recognised by other employers. It is down to employer choice, but a qualification (especially a knowledge qualification) does provide a good structure for the Off the Job training requirement.

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-specialist-and-professional-qualifications/engineering-processing-and-manufacturing/btec-specialist-advanced-manufacturing-engineering-l3.html>

Can we run the BTEC alongside the new standard if employers require this?

Yes, if there is no mandatory qualification. Where there is a mandatory qualification(s) specified then this will need to be delivered.

Do centres claim the same grade for each RPL unit?

Yes - unless they are RPL'ing experience which is only mapped at a pass grade

Can 20% off the job training include Functional Skills etc?

No - unfortunately Functional Skills is funded outside of the Apprenticeship as standalone so is not allowed as part of the 20%. However you can use Induction, Health & Safety, First Aid and any other regulatory requirements as part of the off-the-job if they are required as part of the occupation.

Is this just Pearson numbers? (Relating to slide number 6)

No - these are the numbers from the Government website and show learner numbers across the apprenticeship standards not just AOs.

Yes they are pretty low. There has been a 61% drop in apprenticeship registrations across all sectors for the last 3 months of the last academic year. The introduction of the levy and changes across the apprenticeships have had an impact. These numbers do not include learners still registering on SASE frameworks. This is just standards.

How does this compare to the apprenticeship frameworks?

SASE frameworks are still very popular even with the reduction in funding. We expect the numbers on standards to increase over the next 2-3 academic years as more relevant standards are introduced.

Will there be a recruitment drive for competent assessors to deliver the EPA, do you think?

Possibly - You will hear more about EPA shortly - Engineering has a slightly different approach in some occupations.

Where is the Food sector standards?

We are not supporting the Food sector standards as these are being supported by FDQ and C&G. Some of the food standards (i.e. butchery and bakery) are now classified as Hospitality and Catering. Food and Drink Maintenance Technician are classified as Engineering - but some employers are looking at the Mechatronics option as this is more appropriate for some employers.

Can you confirm that you will be offering EPA for the MOET standard?

We have not made an application as yet - we are still looking at the requirements. You can start the learners and select another EPA organisation and then change during the apprenticeship. You are not bound to the organisation you choose at the outset.