

End-Point Assessment:	Road Surfacing Operative
Ofqual Ref:	610/3071/5
Standard and Assessment Plan:	ST0693/AP01
LARS Ref:	476
Sector:	5.2 Building and Construction
Overview:	Road Surfacing Operatives are responsible for the surfacing, resurfacing and improvement of vast stretches of the public and privately owned highway network, covering all road types from motorways to residential streets. Typical duties include operating specialist plant and machinery; removal of old surfaces; preparing underlying surface to receive new surfacing material; resurfacing of prepared area and alignment and compaction of the new surface. RSOs work as part of a team known as a gang and will perform multiple roles within the gang.
Purpose:	The purpose of this end-point assessment is to enable an independent assessment of the apprentice's skills, knowledge and behaviours acquired during the apprenticeship journey. The EPA will draw upon evidence from a number of activities to evaluate the apprentice's ability to perform at the required level for the role.
Design:	This end-point assessment has been designed to meet the requirements of the Assessment Plan and Apprenticeship Standard.
Components:	The end-point assessment consists of two Assessment Methods: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observation 2. Professional Discussion
Grading:	<p>The grades available for the end-point assessment are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinction • Pass • Fail <p>MP Awards uses the grading criteria as specified in the Assessment Plan. Grades will only be officially communicated in writing after the EPA has taken place. Feedback may be given verbally by the Independent End-Point Assessor on the day of assessment subject to formal verification and quality assurance checks.</p>
Entry Requirements:	Apprentices must have spent a minimum of 12 months on-programme, have reached Gateway and completed their qualifications and training before undertaking end-point assessment. Full requirements can be found in the Assessment Plan.

Duration:	<p>Each Assessment Method will be timed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation – 6 hours +/- 10% at discretion of IEPA • Professional Discussion – 1 hour +/- 10% at discretion of IEPA
Assessment Methods	<p>Observation Apprentices will be observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working as part of a team or gang • removing an old road surface or laying new one • demonstrating use of plant and machinery independently • answering 8 open Health and Safety questions <p>Professional Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • based on portfolio of evidence • contains 10 questions selected by the IEPA • takes place on a 1:1 basis
Resits/Retakes:	<p>Apprentices who fail one or more assessment method will be offered the opportunity to take a resit or a retake. A resit does not require further learning, whereas a retake does.</p> <p>The apprentice will only have to re-take the specific assessment method that was failed. If a re-sit is required, or if the re-take is not successful completed within 3 months of the original EPA, the entire EPA will have to be taken again.</p> <p>Resits and retakes are not offered to apprentices wishing to move from pass to distinction.</p> <p>Where any assessment method has to be resat or retaken, the apprentice will be awarded a maximum EPA grade of pass, unless the EPAO determines there are exceptional circumstances requiring a resit or retake.</p>
Costs:	<p>The cost of this end-point assessment at 20% of the funding band is £2800.</p> <p>The fee is payable in three stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50 on booking • £450 on registration • £2300 on completion