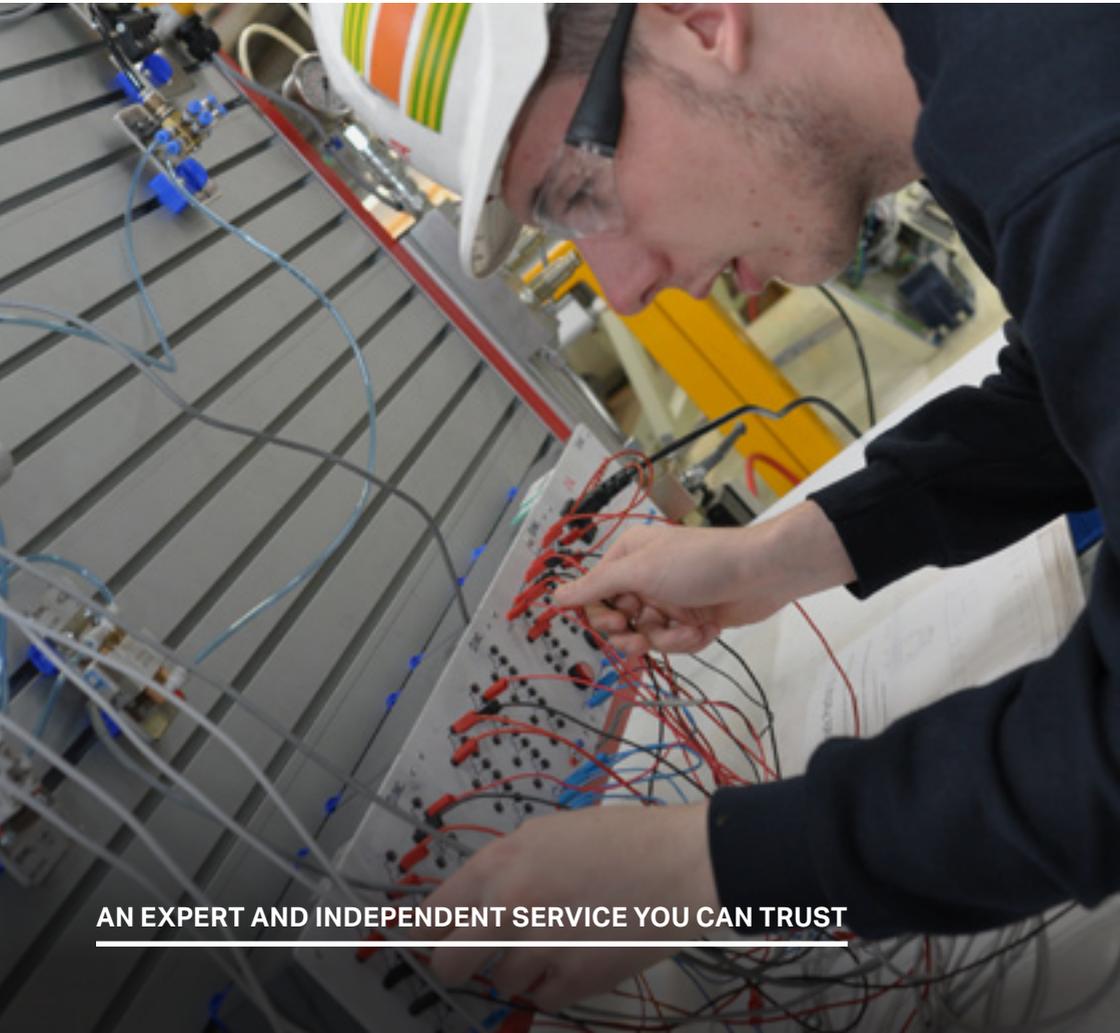


END-POINT ASSESSMENT SERVICES

Institution of
**MECHANICAL
ENGINEERS**

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AN EXPERT AND INDEPENDENT SERVICE YOU CAN TRUST



Government reforms have changed the way apprenticeships are funded and delivered in England.

New apprenticeship standards, the apprenticeship levy, a new online apprenticeship service and changes to assessment methods have all been introduced.

All apprenticeship standards must now contain an End-Point Assessment (EPA). This final stage of the apprenticeship is separate to any qualifications or other assessment that the apprentice may undertake. On successful completion of the EPA, apprentices will receive their apprenticeship certificate.

EAL and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers have combined their expertise to offer an exceptional EPA service for apprenticeships in the advanced manufacturing and engineering sector.

EAL is a specialist skills partner and awarding organisation committed to delivering solutions which give real value to all learners.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is a leading professional engineering institution committed to supporting and recognising the contribution of apprenticeships to UK industry. Why choose us?

Both EAL and the Institution are on the government's approved register ensuring that the EPA is carried out by an independent organisation.

We offer an EPA service based on trust, quality, support and expertise:

▶ TRUST

- Be reassured you are working with two established organisations offering a unique and specialist solution
- Save time and money with our one-stop service - especially if you have an existing relationship with us via the Institution's Approved Schemes or work with an EAL Approved Centre
- Be confident in the knowledge that we are on the Register of End-Point Assessment Organisations

▶ QUALITY

- Receive high-quality resources and materials that support you through the entire EPA process
- Provide a clear career progression route for your apprentices from EPA to professional registration to Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

▶ SUPPORT

- Be reassured that during a time of change we offer the latest updates in industry technical standards and policy
- Receive dedicated support and advice from our business teams who are always on hand to help you

▶ EXPERTISE

- Benefit from the combined engineering expertise of two driving forces in the sector
- Receive a high level service from experienced sector assessors who will ensure your apprentices meet nationally and internationally recognised occupational standards

EPA PROCESS EXAMPLE

Foundation and Development Stages

On and off-the-job training
Achievement of mandatory qualifications

Gateway Stage

Check to ensure foundation and development stage requirements are met and learner is ready to progress to next stage

Viva Interview

Interview with apprentice to assess occupational competence
Portfolio of work review

Professional Competence Assessment

Apprentices are required to complete a Performance Indicators Review Form demonstrating their competence which is aligned to the UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence (UK-SPEC).

Completion and Certification

Application to Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for apprenticeship certificate

WHAT'S INVOLVED IN AN EPA?

Each apprenticeship standard has its own assessment plan, which specifies the assessment methods that must be used. Assessment methods may vary.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Prices range from **£1,700** to **£2,700** per learner, depending on the service you choose. Volume discounts can also be negotiated.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY APPRENTICE IS READY?

Employers and training organisations must decide together if the apprentice is ready for assessment by judging their learning and behaviours at the gateway stage. We can offer support with this if required.

HOW DO APPRENTICES GET ENGTECH PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION?

On completion of their apprenticeship, apprentices can apply for EngTech professional registration with the Institution. It is a globally recognised title which shows their skills and experience are of the highest standard.

They can progress to IEng or CEng when they are ready.

EngTech members receive a range of benefits, including support with their CPD.

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HOW DO I KNOW YOUR ASSESSORS ARE HIGH QUALITY?

All our assessors are highly experienced and competent engineers from the sector who are professionally registered to assess apprentices' competence. Assessment decisions are also moderated and we invest in CPD to ensure each assessor's knowledge is up to date with the latest quality developments.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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For a full list of the standards visit:

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