

L3 IT Solutions Technician Standard: EPA Fact Sheet

Purpose

This document distils the key requirements for End Point Assessment (EPA) for the IT Solutions Technician Apprenticeship Standard. The [full EPA plan](#) should be consulted for more details.

Gateway Requirements

There are no formal on-programme assessments on this Standard. All assessments are post-Gateway. Gateway is the start of the EPA period, and MUST BE completed within 3 months. The Apprentice can only enter Gateway once the following requirements have been fulfilled:

- The Apprentice has achieved English and Mathematics at Level 2
- The employer is satisfied and confirms that the Apprentice has achieved occupational competence and is consistently working at or above the level set out in the occupational Standard (employer can take advice from Firebrand)
- The Apprentice completes and submits portfolio demonstrating the application of KSBs as mapped to AM2 (see below) and any supporting material to underpin the Professional Discussion

Assessment Methods

There are two distinct assessment methods (AMs), each mapped to a set of KSBs that the outputs of both AMs must evidence. The list of KSBs assigned to AM1 and AM2 can be found in the [EPA plan](#). Assessment methods can be done in any order (i.e. the knowledge test and then the project and interview, or the project and interview and then the knowledge test).

AM1 Knowledge Unit Tests: This assessment method consists of four Knowledge unit tests, which are multiple-choice. The Apprentice completes 3 Core and 1 Specialism test in either Hardware or Software, depending on the pathway chosen. These must be sat over 5 consecutive day working period. They have a pass mark of 65%, which must be achieved before the final grading and within the 3-month EPA window.

AM2 Work-based Project and Interview: Represents one assessment method. The Apprentice will conduct a project and submit a formal technical rationale (1000 words approximate limit), a Solution Proposal Presentation 3 Videos demonstrating technical competency. The project MUST BE completed within 20 hours. Once completed the project is submitted back to the EAPO and then the Apprentice has a minimum of seven working days' notice before the interview date is informed, the interview will last a minimum of 90 minutes.

Grading Outcomes

All EPA methods must be passed for the EPA to be passed overall. Both AMs are weighted equally in their contribution to the overall grade. Aggregation of grades along with detailed descriptors for Pass, Merit and Distinction criteria are contained in the [EPA](#). Apprentices who fail one or more assessment methods will be offered the opportunity to take a re-sit or a re-take within the EPA period.

On Programme Activities to Support EPA

Apprentices will spend the duration of the programme (pre-Gateway) developing the all KSBs in the occupational standard with a minimum of 20% off-the-job training. During this period, they will also be compiling a portfolio of evidence to underpin the Professional Discussion.

