

Teaching Assistant

Level 3



1 What the ROLE ENTAILS

Teaching Assistants work in primary, special and secondary education across all age ranges encompassing special educational needs and emotional vulnerabilities.

The primary role of the Teaching Assistant is to support the class teacher to enhance pupil's learning either in groups or individually, ensuring pupils understand the work set, know their learning objectives, and stay on task in order to make progress. Promoting self-belief, social inclusion and high self-esteem are an integral part of a learners' wellbeing, along with making sure pupils thrive in a positive, nurturing, and safe environment.

2 On-programme ASSESSMENT

Before entering Gateway, the apprentice must complete the following on-programme assessment requirements:

- Level 2 English and maths
- A Portfolio of Evidence
- Confirmation from the employer that the apprentice is consistently operating at the level required.

3 Gateway REQUIREMENTS

The employer, training provider and the apprentice make the decision that the apprentice is ready to go through Gateway.

Training providers registered with us for this EPA will have access to a wide range of resources to support preparing the apprentice for their assessment. The apprentice will also have access to a range of materials and resources via EPA Pro.



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4 End Point ASSESSMENT

Our EPAs will be carried out remotely with the IEPA observing and questioning the apprentice via video conferencing in their workplace. The advantages of using a remote approach are:

Enabling the observation to take place more discretely which has an advantage with respect to the individuals that are included in each observation session.

Makes it possible to schedule EPAs in a more timely manner and keep EPA fees lower since IEPAs do not have to travel in **order to carry out EPA sessions**

We will continue to deliver observations face to face where there is a requirement, and we will work closely with the employer and training provider to ensure that the apprentice is clear about the requirements of each EPA element.

EPA element 1

Practical Observation with a Q&A

The observations take place remotely over 2 hours with the apprentice being observed at their workplace. During the Practical Observation, the apprentice will have the opportunity to demonstrate how they've applied the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) identified in the Assessment plan in their work environment. A Q&A session will take place after the final observation and will last for 15 minutes.

EPA element 2

Professional discussion supported by a portfolio of evidence.

The Professional Discussion is a structured discussion of 90 minutes following the Practical Observation, which will establish the apprentice's understanding and application of the KSBs identified in the Assessment plan.

The Portfolio of Evidence will be completed during the on-programme learning and will enable the IEPA to prepare for the Professional Discussion. It should cover the KSBs to be assessed by the Professional Discussion

5 Completion & CERTIFICATION

Once the apprentice has successfully completed all EPA elements, and the IEPA has verified this, the report is sent out along with a request for permission to claim the Certificate on behalf of the apprentice.

The Certificate is then claimed from the ESFA.

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The Teaching Assistant standard is being revised along with the associated Assessment plan. We will be able to deliver the existing and the revised version once it is released. To review the standard and assessment plan, follow the link below.

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