

End-Point Assessment Specification

# Early Years Lead Practitioner

## Level 5



### 1 *What the* ROLE ENTAILS

Early Years Lead Practitioners, are highly trained proactive and influential professionals, working directly with children, usually reporting directly to the head of the setting. They work in a range of settings including day nurseries, playgroups, nursery schools, pre-schools, primary schools, hospitals, social care settings, out of school environments and local authority provision. These highly skilled professionals take an operational lead for the care, learning and development of all young children within their care, adapting to individual needs, providing an inclusive and holistic provision. An employee in this occupation interacts with children aged birth to eight years, families, practitioners, other professionals and appropriate agencies

### 2 *On-programme* ASSESSMENT

- Programme duration typically 24 months (not including EPA period)
- Training to develop the occupation standard's knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs).
- Compiling a portfolio of evidence.
- English and Maths Level 2



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### 3 Gateway REQUIREMENTS

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Confirmation that the employer is satisfied the apprentice is consistently working at, or above, the level of the occupational standard. Submission of the completed REPA form.

English and mathematics at Level 2 (certificates or exemptions)

Submission of a portfolio of evidence

Case Study title and scope to be agreed between Apprentice, Employer and EPAO

### 4 End Point ASSESSMENT

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#### Observation with questions

60 minutes for Observation

30 minutes for questions

Graded as Fail, Pass, Distinction

#### Professional discussion

60 minutes

Undertaken remotely

Graded as Fail, Pass or Distinction

#### Case study with report, presentation and questions

4000 word Case Study

40 minutes for presentation and questions

Undertaken remotely

Graded as Fail, Pass or Distinction

Performance in the EPA will determine the overall apprenticeship standard and grade of:

Fail, Pass, Merit or Distinction

### 5 Completion & CERTIFICATION

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We will activate certification once the apprentice has successfully completed all EPAs, and the IEPA has verified this.

Working with the apprenticeship certificate issuing authority, we will ensure the apprentice receives their certificate.

#### Why choose Steadfast EPA?

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We are an Ofqual approved End-Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO) specialising in EPA delivery across health, education, care, and business apprenticeship standards. We offer flexible and reliable EPA solutions supported by sector expertise, guidance documents and proactive service and support. We believe that we offer a premium service to our clients, combining excellent customer service with high quality, fair and robust end point assessments

*To review the standard and assessment plan, follow the link below.*

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