

# End-Point Assessment Guidance and Specification for Hospitality Accommodation Team Member ST1420 v1.0 Level 2

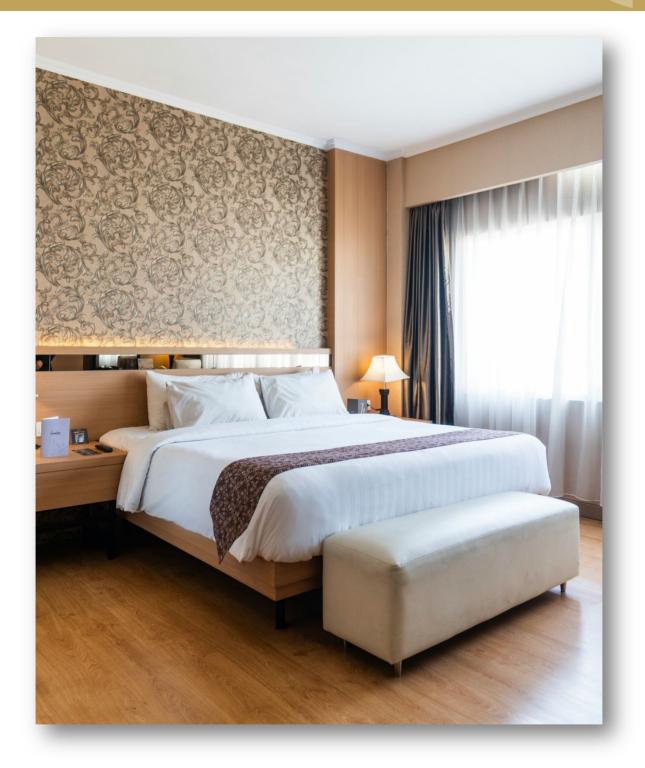


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# **Summary of Revisions to End-Point Assessment Guidance and Specification**

Summary of Revisions	Assessment Plan Revised Version Number	Date of Revision
Nothing yet.		

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#### Section 1

#### **Overview**

The end-point assessment guidance in this specification relates to the Hospitality Accommodation Team Member ST1420 version 1.0. The apprenticeship is at Level 2 and is for apprentices who deliver a range of guest focused services including dining and bar, reception, and housekeeping. This occupation is found in hotels, inns, holiday parks, B&Bs, restaurants or pubs with rooms, and other hospitality accommodation businesses offering accommodation to paying guests. Employers range from large to small. Hospitality Accommodation Team Member is a multi-skilled occupation, working across front of house roles in dining and bar services, reception and housekeeping.

Hospitality Accommodation team members **move between departments** gaining broad based knowledge, skills and experience in the typical operations of hotels, holiday parks and other hospitality businesses offering accommodation to paying guests. They are responsible for the smooth operation of the business, working or sharing information cross-departmentally in order to deliver all the services that make up the guest experience.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation:

- Interacts with guests at hotels, inns, holiday parks, B&Bs, restaurants or pubs with rooms, and other hospitality accommodation businesses.
- Interacts with team members, staff from across the wider organisation, and across other departments, managers, contractors, suppliers and other stakeholders.
- ➤ Will be responsible for delivering consistent, high quality food and beverage, housekeeping, and guest services to guests in line with business standards.
- Will use a range of specialist equipment and technology and comply with multiple interacting regulations, legal requirements and internal metrics, standards, policies and processes to provide these services.
- > Will be responsible for ensuring guest's needs are met and acting to meet targets for the delivery and profitability of accommodation services.
- Will contribute to planning and be responsive to unexpected situations to ensure business operations run smoothly. will remain adaptable, flexible and resilient to the ever changing needs of the business.

The typical duration for this apprenticeship is 12 months but this will depend on the apprentice's previous experience and their access to opportunities to gain the full range of competences. The minimum duration of training for any apprenticeship is 366 days, before entering end-point assessment.

To achieve the apprenticeship certificate, apprentices are required to successfully complete their on-programme period of learning and development and the end-point assessment. The purpose of the end-point assessment is to confirm that apprentices have met the required level of knowledge, skills and behavioural standards set by employers.

The overall apprenticeship is graded as fail, pass, merit or distinction.

To achieve the apprenticeship certificate, apprentices are required to successfully complete the:

- On-programme period of training and development, including achievement of English and maths qualifications in line with the apprenticeship funding rules.
- End-point assessment (EPA) all components, within the assessment window.

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The certificate for the apprenticeship is awarded by the Institute for Apprentices and Technical Education (IfATE)<sup>1</sup>, through a process administered by the Department for Education (DfE).

As the end-point assessment organisation, Professional Assessment Ltd (PAL) will claim for the certificate on behalf of the apprentices. Certificates are sent to the nominated employer, and it is the employer's responsibility to ensure the apprentice receives the certificate.

The standard and accompanying assessment plan can be accessed here.

Standard Title	Hospitality Accommodation Team Member		
Level	2		
Standard Number	ST1420 version 1.0		
LARS Number	804		
Named EQA organisation	Ofqual		
Duration of Apprenticeship	Typically, 12 months but the actual length of the apprenticeship will be decided by the employer.		
<b>Duration of End-Point Assessment</b>	3 months		
Date the Assessment Plan scheduled is for review	This standard should be reviewed in accordance with IfATE's change request policy.		
Mandated Qualifications within the Standard	To meet the apprenticeship standard, apprentices must achieve English and maths qualifications in line with the apprenticeship funding rules.  There are no mandated qualifications within this standard.		
End-Point Assessment Methods	The end-point assessment is designed to test the apprentice throughout the entire standard. The assessment methods used to achieve this are as follows:  Description with questioning. Interview underpinned by portfolio.		

#### Introduction

This handbook contains the relevant information and guidance required of apprentices to achieve the end-point assessment for the Hospitality Accommodation Team Member Apprenticeship and should be used in conjunction with the Hospitality Accommodation Team Member Padlet<sup>2</sup> – End-Point Assessment Information for Apprentices, Providers and Employers.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IfATE will be replaced by Skills England in 2025

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A Padlet is an on-line wiki-based resource, made available to all PAL clients. Resources are updated centrally, so the latest information can be accessed via the Padlet

The overarching aim of the end-point assessment is to ensure that the apprentice meets the standard set out by employers of the relevant sector and that they are fully competent within their job roles. An apprentice must successfully complete all the end-point assessment components to receive the apprenticeship certificate.

References to third-party material made in this specification are made in good faith. Professional Assessment Ltd does not endorse, approve, or accept responsibility for the content of materials, which may be subject to change, or any opinions expressed therein. (Material may include textbooks, journals, magazines and other publications and websites.)

All information in this specification is correct at time of publication.

PAL has worked in close collaboration with employers, other assessment organisations and experts from professional bodies and providers in developing the assessment tools for this end-point assessment. We are grateful to all who have generously shared their time and expertise to help us in the development process.

The end-point assessment (EPA) is a synoptic assessment of the knowledge, skills and behaviours outlined in the apprenticeship standard, which have been learned throughout the apprenticeship programme. The purpose of the end-point assessment is to make sure that the apprentice meets the standard in its entirety.

All apprentices must undertake the independent end-point assessment at the end of the on-programme phase of training when their employer, and in some cases their provider, is satisfied that they have met the 'Gateway' criteria to undertake the assessment. Apprentices will not be awarded the apprenticeship certificate until they have successfully completed the end-point assessment.

The end-point assessment can be delivered only by a registered assessment organisation, which must be independent of the employer, or any party involved in the delivery of the on-programme phase of the apprenticeship. In this context, independence means without influence or bias, and the independent assessor assigned is not affiliated to the employer or any training partner involved, and notably the independent assessor has played no part in the training of the apprentice.

All assessment decisions for this standard's end-point assessment must be made by the independent assessment organisation.

PAL has been working closely with occupational experts, employers, and providers in the development of end-point assessment tools to ensure that they are:

- ➤ Valid and appropriate to assess occupational competence in the relevant industry and will deliver reliable outcomes.
- Fair to all apprentices and help them to make progress in their lives.
- Manageable for apprentices and the industry and can be delivered effectively and efficiently in the vocational setting.

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### **Apprenticeship Standard Objective**

The overall goal of the end-point assessment is to ensure that the apprentice has met the required level of knowledge, skills and behavioural standards set by employers and approved by IfATE, and that they are confident and competent in their role to take on responsibilities to deliver clearly defined business outcomes.

#### **Progression**

On completion of the apprenticeship, the apprentice could progress into a Hospitality Supervisor or Team Leader role.

#### Who is Professional Assessment (PAL)?

PAL provides services for providers to include colleges and employers involved in the delivery of apprenticeships and adult learning. Our offer includes:

- > End-point assessment for a wide range of apprenticeship standards. Our dedicated team offers national coverage and has built up extensive experience in administering the latest end-point assessments.
- > Compliance and audit services. Our funding compliance team tailor their support to meet your specific needs; from ad-hoc advice and support to full ESFA-style audits.

The link to our website can be located by clicking <u>here</u>.

#### What is needed prior to end-point assessment?

The employer and provider must confirm that the apprentice has met the on-programme requirements, and the apprentice is ready to undertake the end-point assessment.

The employer and provider must hold a Gateway review to agree that the apprentice has gained the required level of knowledge, skills, and behaviours, along with English and maths qualifications in line with the apprenticeship funding rules.

Where English and maths are required, PAL will need evidence of **attainment**. Please check with the EPA team via <a href="mailto:info@professionalassessment.co.uk">info@professionalassessment.co.uk</a> if you do not know which qualifications are accepted, or which level is required. Evidence must be in the form of a certificate.

The apprentice must have a **completed portfolio of evidence** that will underpin the interview to be submitted to PAL as part of the Gateway evidence.

To confirm the Gateway review has taken place, the employer, provider, and apprentice are required to complete a Gateway Declaration Record, an example of which is included in the Appendix of this handbook<sup>3</sup>, alternatively, providers and employers can use their documentation, with the caveat that the document must record the information as stipulated on the PAL Gateway record.

PAL will not confirm an end-point assessment booking until the required evidence is submitted. For auditing purposes, the Gateway Declaration Record should either be signed or dated by all parties, or email/DVR confirmation provided that all parties have agreed on readiness.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Gateway record may change in design and content based on revisions to standards - for the latest document please refer to the relevant Padlet that PAL will have provided training providers or can provide directly to employers and apprentices.

The recommended approach during the on-programme assessment (month 1-12) to ensure that the apprentice is on track is based on the employer's performance management process with the following key elements:

- Line manager uses the formal performance management process and regular 1:1s to discuss progress in the apprenticeship, provide feedback and guide development.
- The provider can support this (if required) by ensuring that the requirements of the apprenticeship are reflected in the performance management process and filling any gaps through their work with the apprentice.
- The provider can also support the apprentice on understanding the learning journey, providing advice and guidance on learning strategies and tools that will support the apprentice's preferred learning style and improve their learning agility.
- Regular check points between the line manager and provider (aligned with the performance management process) to ensure that the apprentice is on track and agree how any issues will be addressed.
- Apprentices should be strongly encouraged to create a learning record that contains examples of their learning and areas for development/action points as they go through the apprenticeship this can be used in reviews with the line manager and provider.

The Gateway decision regarding readiness will be taken by the line manager (or appropriate employer representative) and apprentice with input from the provider.

#### Language of assessment

All components of the end-point assessment will be conducted in English.

Apprentices may be assessed in British Sign Language where it is permitted for the purpose of reasonable adjustment.

Further information on special considerations and reasonable adjustments can be found in our Special Considerations and Reasonable Adjustments policy.

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#### Section 2

#### How is end-point assessment delivered?

The apprentice will be assessed to the apprenticeship standard using two discrete assessment methods. The assessment is synoptic, i.e., takes a view of the overall performance of the apprentice in their job. Each assessment method should directly assess the knowledge, skills, and behaviours of the standard.

The assessment activities will be completed by the independent end-point assessor as follows:

- Observation with questioning.
- > Interview underpinned by portfolio.

There is no mandated assessment sequence, so it is permissible to undertake more than one assessment on one day.

The content and structure of the assessment methods is provided by PAL to ensure consistency across all apprentices. The employer, with the support of the provider where appropriate, will work with the apprentice to agree how the apprentice goes about completing the components of the end-point assessment and will provide guidance along the way as required. The provider will ensure that the evidence presented for end-point assessment meets the assessment plan requirements but does not have a role in the formal end-point assessment or grade decision.

In order to pass, apprentices must achieve a pass in all assessment methods; apprentices who fail one or more method will fail the end-point assessment.

In order to achieve a merit, apprentices must achieve a pass in one assessment method and a distinction in the other.

In order to achieve a distinction apprentices must achieve a distinction in both methods of assessment.

If any assessment activity is failed it must be retaken. Apprentices cannot achieve the apprenticeship without gaining at least a pass in every assessment activity.

The following chart sets out the sequences of the Gateway and end-point assessment.

#### Note - the assessments can be taken in any order.

Apprentice/Employer/Training Provider	PAL
Apprentice registered with PAL prior to the Gateway review.	<ul> <li>ESFA advised of EPAO.</li> <li>EPAPro log-in credentials provided.</li> <li>Access to a range of assessment guidance materials available.</li> </ul>
Gateway review held between training provider, employer, and apprentice to confirm assessment readiness.  Evidence provided that English and maths requirements have been achieved in line with the apprenticeship funding rules.  Portfolio to underpin the interview submitted.	<ul> <li>Declaration received that the apprentice is ready for assessment.</li> <li>Gateway evidence received.</li> <li>PAL approves or rejects the Gateway evidence. If rejected, the provider to resubmit as required.</li> </ul>

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Apprentice/Employer/Training Provider		PAL	
PAL contacts employer and apprentice. PAL	_	•	Assessment plan completed. Dates will be
undertakes assessment planning meeting and			agreed for all methods of assessment to
agrees assessment schedule.			meet with the Hospitality Accommodation
			Team Member assessment plan and to
			allow for reasonable resit or retake
			activities within the assessment window,
			wherever possible.
Apprentice undertakes the observation and	N		Observation and questioning total
questioning.			assessment duration of 2 and a half
questioning.			hours (+10% at the independent
			assessor's discretion).
			,
		•	Observation and questioning
			completed, observation and response to
			questions assessed. Assessment
			graded.
A			
Apprentice undertakes the interview.		•	Interview assessment duration of 90
			minutes (+10% at the independent
			assessor's discretion).
		•	Interview completed, responses to
			questions assessed. Assessment
			graded.
		•	Overall grading undertaken – independent
	7 7		assessor confirms grades for all assessment
			elements and overall grade using grade
			descriptors and weighting as detailed in the
		_	assessment plan to PAL.
			Internal quality assurance (IQA) undertaken.
		•	Assessment outcome provided within the
			assessment window timeframe.
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Employer informed of the outcome of end-	<u> </u>	•	Assessment summary record will note the
point assessment via email from			decision and grade. If a resit or retake is
epasupportservices@professionalassessment.c			required, it is important the relevant parties refer to the summary record.
o.uk.			Assessment decision data collated and
Apprentice and provider are copied into the		_	used to inform standardisations processes
communication.			and quality assurance.
communication.			Confirmed assessment outcome provided
			to the provider and Apprenticeship
			service.
			Certificate requested where a pass or
			higher grade for all aspects of end-point
			assessment are achieved.
		•	Data provided to the regulator as
			necessary.

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#### Who can carry out end-point assessment?

Independent assessors/the end-point assessment organisation for this standard are required to:

- Have excellent knowledge and understanding of the apprenticeship standard.
- Have recent relevant experience of the occupation or sector to at least occupational level 3 gained in the last 3 years or significant experience of the occupation or sector.
- Hold or be working towards a recognised current workplace assessment qualification.
- Must attend at least one standardisation event annually.
- Have sufficient resources to carry out the role of independent end assessor i.e., time and budget.

All independent assessors that meet the above criteria are trained and approved by PAL to ensure that they are capable carrying out end-point assessments in a fair and consistent manner to make reliable judgments.

PAL will be responsible for all aspects of the end-point assessment for this standard and will review the evidence against the standard to ensure that the pass criteria have been met.

#### **Internal Quality Assurance Requirements**

PAL requires all quality assurance staff to hold a recognised internal quality assurance qualification. PAL implements validation and quality assurance policies and processes to ensure that all assessments are robust, fully align with the independent end-point assessment requirements, and are assessed consistently, reliably, and fairly by all independent assessors.

Policies can be shared upon request, please contact <u>info@professionalassessment.co.uk</u>. Essential policies are also available via our website.

In accordance with these policies PAL will:

- > Develop and maintain a set of assessment tools, to be used by all independent assessors when carrying out assessments.
- > Ensure independent assessors for this standard meet with the assessment plan competency requirements.
- Train and develop all independent assessors to ensure reliable and consistent assessment of the Hospitality Accommodation Team Member Standard.
- > Apply robust quality assurance and verification processes to assessments, e.g. the use of standard formats, moderation and standardisation of marking and assessment decisions.
- Apply and follow the appeals and disputes policy and procedure in response to any legitimate appeal or dispute.
- Communicate with third parties any concerns or issues that may impact on assessment activities or outcomes.

#### **External Quality Assurance Requirements**

External quality assurance for the Hospitality Accommodation Team Member Apprenticeship is undertaken by Ofqual.

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#### **Standardisation and Moderation**

All independent assessors are required to attend standardisation and moderation activities, to ensure the consistency of the assessment approach and to ensure assessment grading is aligned to the relevant assessment plan requirements. Standardisation activities are carried out on an on-going basis such meetings can be in the format of traditional meetings or via webinars.

IQAs may accompany or 'remote in' with independent assessors carrying out end-point assessment to ensure that it is being administered safely, securely and in line with PAL guidance.

For further information on quality assurance, standardisation and moderation please see our policies, or contact our quality team via <a href="mailto:info@professionalassessment.co.uk">info@professionalassessment.co.uk</a>

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#### **Section 3**

#### **Grading**

This apprenticeship includes fail, pass. merit and distinction grades with the final grade based on the apprentice's combined performance in each assessment activity.

To achieve a pass overall, the apprentice must achieve a pass in all assessment methods by meeting all of the pass descriptors.

To achieve a merit overall, the apprentice must achieve a pass in one method of assessment and other method of assessment.

To achieve a distinction overall, the apprentice must achieve a distinction in both methods of assessment by meeting all of the distinction descriptors in addition to the pass descriptors.

Please see **Tables 2 and 3** for grading descriptors.

Grades from each method of assessment will be combined as follows.

Observation with Questioning	Interview underpinned by Portfolio	Overall Grading
Pass	Pass	Pass
Fail	Any grade	Fail
Any grade	Fail	Fail
Pass	Distinction	Merit
Distinction	Pass	Merit
Distinction	Distinction	Distinction

#### Preparing apprentices for end-point assessment

To ensure that apprentices develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours that underpin occupational competence, it is recommended that they follow a structured programme of training and development. The period of training and development must include the minimum DfE requirements for off-job training, away from the day-to-day job. Please refer to DfE guidance and funding rules regarding the definition of what training interventions are permissible under the ruling and responsibilities for recording and evidencing off-job training activities.

To prepare apprentices effectively, employers and/or providers should:

- > Have a good understanding of the apprenticeship standard and the structure and format of the end-point assessment.
- Plan and implement a learning and development programme based on the apprenticeship standard, with regular reviews of progress and readiness, to ensure apprentices develop the required knowledge, skills, and behaviours.
- > Use formative assessments and mock assessments to help prepare apprentices for the end-point assessment.

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It is recommended, but not required, that the on-programme assessment includes:

- Regular performance reviews between the apprentice and a senior manager.
- > Opportunities given and evidence generated to cover all assessment criteria.
- > Feedback from line manager.

#### **End-point assessment planning and scheduling**

Employers and/or providers<sup>4</sup> must have an agreement in place to conduct end-point assessments with PAL. We regularly check the Apprenticeship Assessment Service portal to review pipeline business and ensure that providers who wish to work with us, are attached to us, as EPAO for the relevant standard(s).

Apprentices must be registered and booked on to their end-point assessment in sufficient time to allow adequate planning and scheduling of the assessments. PAL encourages communication with all parties, in respect of apprenticeship progress and status and our accounts team will periodically communicate directly with other stakeholders to seek clarification and updates regarding apprentices' assessment readiness. Once the employer or provider has confirmed a Gateway date, PAL will arrange a planning meeting on receipt and validation of the Gateway evidence.

The purpose of the planning meeting is to share information with PAL to support the assessment process and to agree a plan for the upcoming assessment activities for the apprentices. The independent assessor/PAL representative will agree a plan and schedule for each assessment activity to ensure that all assessment components can be completed within the end-point assessment time. The meeting can be conducted remotely using appropriate technology.

The end-point assessment will be conducted over a period of **3 months** at the end of the apprenticeship. Assessments cannot take place if the apprentice has not served the minimum time in training and we require employers and providers to check this requirement has been met, before submitting gateway evidence.

#### Reassessment

PAL's resit and retake policy will apply in the event of reassessments, and we will discuss arrangements for such activities with all concerned parties.

Reassessments do incur a charge. All fees are detailed in PAL's pricing policy and outlined in the contracting process.

Reassessments wherever possible will be carried out by the original independent assessor, but if this is not possible PAL reserves the right to assign a different assessor.

#### **Resits and Retakes**

Apprentices who fail one or more assessment methods will be offered the opportunity to take a resit or a retake. A resit does not require further learning, whereas a retake does. Apprentices should have a supportive action plan to prepare for a resit or a retake. The apprentice's employer will need to agree with PAL that either a resit or retake is an appropriate course of action.

An apprentice who fails an assessment method, and therefore the EPA in the first instance, will be required to resit or retake any failed assessment method only.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note PAL endeavours to have agreements with both employers and training providers, to ensure all parties are aware of our service offer and role in the apprenticeship journey.

The employer and PAL agree the timescale for a resit or retake. A resit is typically taken within 2 months of the EPA outcome notification. The timescale for a retake is dependent on how much re-training is required and is typically taken within 3 months of the EPA outcome notification.

Failed assessment methods must be resat or retaken within a 6-month period from the EPA outcome notification, otherwise the entire EPA will need to be resat or retaken in full, unless in the opinion of PAL exceptional circumstances apply outside the control of the apprentice or their employer.

Resits and retakes are not offered to apprentices wishing to move from pass to distinction.

#### Reassessment requirements for each component

**Observation with questioning**: if the apprentice's evidence does not meet the requirements to achieve the pass descriptors for the observation and questioning on their first assessment attempt, a further, different observation and questioning assessment will be carried out.

**Interview**: if the apprentice's evidence does not meet the requirements to achieve the pass descriptors for the interview on their first assessment attempt, a further, different full interview assessment of the apprentice will be carried out. The apprentice will not be permitted to add evidence to the portfolio following a resit.

#### **Capping**

Where any assessment method has to be resat or retaken, the apprentice will be awarded a maximum end-point assessment grade of pass, unless PAL determines there are exceptional circumstances requiring a resit or retake.

#### **Booking Reassessments**

The timescale for any reassessment will be agreed on a case-by-case basis, with PAL. As part of that agreement, any reassessments must not provide an apprentice with an unfair advantage over others.

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#### **Section 4**

#### **Portfolio**

A completed portfolio is required to be submitted to PAL as part of the Gateway review.

The portfolio is not directly assessed as part of end-point assessment, it provides a structure for the interview.

The independent assessor will review the portfolio evidence and use it to identify areas for the interview, and it is the interview\_that will assess the apprentice's understanding and learning.

The portfolio should be produced during the on-programme period of the apprenticeship, showcasing competence by the apprentice having first learned and applied the knowledge, skills and behaviours set out in the standard.

It is of paramount importance that all the work submitted in the portfolio has been generated by the apprentice or relates directly to the named apprentice. The independent assessor will undertake authenticity checks regarding portfolio evidence as part of the interview assessment.

The apprentice must have access to their portfolio during the interview assessment. To ensure that all evidence is accessible during the assessment PAL recommends that audio and/or video recordings are supported by a written summary/list of bullet points to which the apprentice can easily refer.

#### What is the format of the portfolio of evidence?

The portfolio will typically contain 10 discrete pieces of evidence in total. A qualitative as opposed to quantitative approach is suggested.

The portfolio must evidence all the knowledge, skills and behaviours mapped to the interview method of assessment (see Table 1). At least one piece of evidence must relate to each of the criteria; each piece of evidence can be referenced against more than one knowledge, skills, or behavioural requirement for a more holistic approach.

Evidence must be provided from work in all 3 departments of business covered by this apprenticeship - bar and dining, housekeeping, and guest services.

PAL has provided a mapping record with an employer and apprentice validation statement which can be accessed from the Hospitality Accommodation Team Member Padlet. Alternatively, training providers can use their own version, however it is a mandatory requirement that a mapping document and employer and apprentice validation statement is submitted with the completed portfolio.

# How can a Hospitality Accommodation Team Member prepare for and complete their portfolio?

The employer and training provider will assist the apprentice in producing their portfolio to ensure that it covers all standards outlined in the assessment plan for the interview method of assessment.

Please refer to Table 1 for the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to be assessed by the interview and evidenced in the portfolio.

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#### The portfolio must contain:

- A mapping document which clearly shows how the evidence is mapped against the relevant knowledge, skills and behaviours that will be assessed by the interview with evidence provided from work in all 3 departments – bar and dining, housekeeping, and guest services.
- A statement to confirm that the evidence provided is valid and attributable to the apprentice from the employer and the apprentice.

Please note - PAL will not accept a portfolio submitted without a completed mapping document and an employer statement of validity.

It is not required that the apprentice has evidence in all the described formats below, but the portfolio **may** contain the following items as evidence:

- Workplace documentation and records.
- Workplace policies and procedures.
- Witness statements.
- > Annotated photographs.
- > Video clips with a maximum total duration of 10 minutes. The apprentice must be in view and identifiable.

The portfolio should **not** contain reflective accounts or any methods of self-assessment.

The interview questions will be constructed to include all pass criteria, while allowing the opportunity for the apprentice to evidence the distinction criteria, either naturally in their responses or using further questions.

#### What is best practice in producing the portfolio?

Ensure that the evidence within the portfolio provides coverage against all the knowledge, skill and behaviours as outlined in the assessment plan for the interview assessment method (see Table 1). Employers, training providers and apprentices can use this guidance to support in documenting and referencing the evidence against all of the KSBs required.

A range of evidence, methods and consistency over time is encouraged to show competence. All evidence provided within the portfolio should comply with usual assessment practices, such as:

- ➤ Valid, Authentic, Current, Sufficient, and Reliable (VACSR) confirmed including signatures and dates as appropriate.
- ➤ Have detailed annotation to describe the evidence, audio files should be referred to clearly within evidence to show where supporting recordings are located and within recordings the evidence number being discussed should be clearly confirmed. Audio files limited to a total 20 minute total duration.
- > Be referenced to the specific criteria being claimed.
- ➤ All evidence recordings and files to be clearly named as appropriate to evidence type/number.

Evidence should comply with data protection and GDPR. Ideally, the portfolio evidence should be presented electronically.

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Table 1: Mapping of Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours for the Interview underpinned by a Portfolio

KSB	Knowledge (K), Skills (S) and Behaviours (B)		
K5	Principles of handling feedback complaints, and issues, including dispute de-escalation techniques.		
K6	Legislation, guidelines, and local policies on guest privacy and safety e.g. data protection, child protection, modern slavery.		
K7	Procedures for handling room keys and guest property, including lost property.		
K11	Process for reporting or recording faults, issues or damage, or escalating guest feedback.		
K12	Steps of food service e.g. set up, reset, touch points, sequence of service in line with business processes and standards.		
K13	Food safety and allergen legislation and procedures including handling, labelling and temperature monitoring.		
K14	Responsibilities of a server under the licensing act and legislation related to weights and measures when serving alcohol.		
K16	Sequence for cleaning guest accommodation and public areas in line with business processes and standards.		
K17	Hygiene management techniques to maintain a safe, clean environment, including pest and virus control, following COSHH guidelines.		
K18	Methods for the safe and environmentally appropriate handling and disposal of waste including food, broken dish or glassware, biohazards, controlled substances, chemicals, general waste.		
K19	Stock management procedures across departments relevant to own role.		
K20	Health and safety legislation and local policies relevant to own role, including manual handling, fire safety, emergency evacuation, and lone working.		
K21	Key performance indicators and own responsibility for contributing to them in terms of efficiency, performance and profitability.		
K22	How to use feedback from managers and team to improve own performance.		
K24	Procedures for staying up to date with business information and new procedures and discussing implementation in your team.		
K26	Methods to sustainably reduce the waste of resources.		
K27	Procedures for starting and finishing a shift, including handover.		
K28	Legislation and principles relating to equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace.		
S5	Assists in the resolution of feedback, complaints, and issues.		
S6	Handles room keys and guest property, including lost property, in line with business procedures.		
S10	Reports or records faults, issues or damage to e.g. equipment, rooms, and escalates guest feedback as appropriate.		
S11	Follows steps of food service for relevant business e.g. set up, reset, touch points, sequence of service.		
S12	Follows food safety and allergen legislation e.g. handling, labelling, and temperature monitoring.		
S13	Prepares and serves alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages to business standards.		
S15	Follows sequence for cleaning guest accommodation and public areas in line with business processes and standards for relevant business e.g. touch points, sequence of service.		
S16	Selects and applies hygiene management techniques to maintain a safe, clean environment, including pest and virus control, following COSHH guidelines.		
S17	Handles and disposes of waste safely.		

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KSB	Knowledge (K), Skills (S) and Behaviours (B)		
S18	Manage stock across departments in line with local procedures relevant to own role.		
S19	Complies with health and safety legislation, regulations, security and safety guidelines and procedures, including manual handling, fire safety, emergency evacuation, and lone working.		
S20	Delivers to key performance indicators to support efficiency, performance and profitability within own area of responsibility.		
S21	Uses feedback from managers and team to improve own performance and meet personal goals.		
S22	Attends team briefings and implements instructions, offering input or feedback where relevant within team.		
S24	Reduces the waste of resources, taking sustainability into account, in line with business expectations.		
S25	Follows equity, diversity and inclusion legislation and principles.		
B1	Takes responsibility for own health, wellbeing and professional development, seeking support when appropriate.		
B4	Be diligent in safe and hygienic working practices.		

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#### Section 5

#### **Assessment Methods**

All end-point assessments should take place within the apprentice's usual working hours and will be planned by the PAL representative with the apprentice and line manager at the planning meeting to comply with the assessment plan and business requirements.

Assessment decisions will not be communicated by the independent assessor straight away, they will document and record their assessment decisions. These decisions are then shared for internal quality assurance checks prior to being communicated to the apprentice, employer, and provider. A final assessment decision cannot be made until all elements of assessment have been completed. Employers can access a record of assessment by accessing EPAPro. User guides are available for providers and employers that detail how reports can be viewed.

#### **Sample Assessment Materials**

For this standard, PAL provides mock assessment guidance to include:

- A mock observation with questioning assessment record with sample questions.
- A mock interview record with sample questions.

All guidance and sample materials can be accessed from the Hospitality Accommodation Team Member Padlet.

#### **Observation with questioning**

#### Key Facts about the observation with questioning

In the observation with questioning, an independent assessor observes the apprentice in their workplace and asks questions. The apprentice completes their day-to-day duties under normal working conditions. Simulation is not allowed. It gives the apprentice the opportunity to demonstrate the KSBs mapped to this assessment method.

This assessment method is being used because:

- This is a practical role, and it can assess KSBs holistically.
- It should give employers assurance about an apprentice's competence as it takes place in a real work setting and the familiar environment should allow the apprentice to perform at their best.
- It is cost effective, tasks completed during the observation should contribute to workplace productivity and it makes use of the employer's resources and equipment.
- it allows for the assessment of KSBs that relate to interaction with colleagues, customers or members of the public.

The observation with questioning must take **2** and a half hours. The independent assessor can increase the time of the observation with questions by up to 10%. This time is to allow the apprentice to complete a task or respond to a question if necessary.

The observation may be split into discrete sections held on the same working day. The independent assessor must manage invigilation of the apprentice during the assessment, to maintain security of the EPA, in line with their malpractice policy. This includes breaks and moving between locations. Such breaks will not count towards the total observed time

PAL must give the apprentice 2 weeks' notice of the observation with questioning.

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The independent assessor must explain to the apprentice the format and timescales of the observation with questions before it starts. This does not count towards the assessment time.

#### What is the format of the observation with questioning?

The independent assessor will arrange an appropriate time for the observation to take place at the planning meeting in consultation with the employer. The independent assessor will remain unobtrusive whilst conducting the observation and must only observe 1 apprentice at a time.

The total time for the observation element is **2 hours**.

The independent assessor should observe the following during the observation:

- > Interaction with guests and customer service.
- Processing of payments and transactions.
- > Team communication.
- > Displaying compliance with professional standards.
- Use of equipment and technology.

The observation should take place in the department which gives the apprentice the best opportunity to meet the KSBs mapped to this assessment. The apprentice can choose the department.

The independent assessor **must** ask at least 3 questions **following the observation**. The purpose of the questions is to clarify further, any elements of a KSB, so as to allow the apprentice to demonstrate their full comprehension of the theme being performed.

The time allocated for questioning is 30 minutes.

The independent assessor must use the questions from PAL's question bank or create their own questions in line with PAL's training. Follow-up questions are allowed where clarification is required

The independent assessor **must ask questions about KSBs that were not observed** to gather assessment evidence. These questions are **in addition to the set number of questions for the observation with questions and should be kept to a minimum**.

The apprentice may choose to end the assessment method early. The apprentice must be confident they have demonstrated competence against the assessment requirements for the assessment method. If the apprentice asks to end the assessment method early, the independent assessor:

- > Must ensure the apprentice is fully aware of all assessment requirements.
- > Cannot suggest or choose to end any assessment methods early (unless in an emergency).
- Is responsible for ensuring the apprentice understands the implications of ending an assessment early if they choose to do so.
- May suggest the assessment continues.
- Must document the apprentice's request to end any assessment early.

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# How can a Hospitality Accommodation Team Member prepare for the observation with questioning?

- Read the guidance documents and ask questions if the information provided is not clear.
- Be prepared for the observation by practicing within the required time frames line managers can support by giving feedback against the observation standards.
- Undertake a mock observation with the training provider and listen and act upon the feedback provided.
- Check that equipment and resources are available and in good working order prior to the assessment.
- Remember food hygiene, health and safety procedures.
- Ensure that the observation can start on time by being organised and prepared.
- Prepare a short time plan for the observation.
- > Treat each shift as an 'observation' shift, then treat the 'observation' as a normal shift.
- Understand that unexpected situations can occur during the observation. Practice working on wider skills such as keeping calm and focused. It may be useful to write a list of scenarios that could go wrong and possible solutions.
- ➤ Decide, with support from their employer and/or provider, which department they would like to be observed in. It should be the department that provides the best opportunity to meet the grading descriptors for the assessment (see Table 2).

#### On the day of the observation:

- Stay organised and complete tasks in order, keeping all areas clean and tidy.
- > Ensure that the basics are covered, such as wearing a clean uniform and suitable PPE.
- > Be prepared to explain why you do tasks in a specific way.
- Remember that communication with colleagues is assessed, as well as communication with managers and internal and/or external customers.

#### How will the observation with questioning be graded?

To achieve a pass, the apprentice must achieve ALL of the pass descriptors for this method of assessment through their observation and responses to the questions asked.

To achieve a distinction, the apprentice must achieve ALL of the distinction descriptors for this method of assessment through their demonstration and responses to the questions asked, AND all of the pass descriptors.

Please see **Table 2** for the pass descriptors for this method of assessment.

**Table 2: Observation with Questioning Pass and Distinction Grading Criteria** 

KSBs	Pass Descriptors	Distinction Descriptors
Guest Journey K1 K2 S1 S2 B2	Asks questions to support and direct the guest journey, taking opportunities to increase sales and signpost other services. (K1, K2, S1, S2, B2)	Explains how they select and use techniques to maximise sales and improve guest experience. (K2, S2, B2)
Customer Service K3 K4 S3 S4 B3	Uses tailored methods of communication and personal connection to increase guest satisfaction. (K3, K4, S3, S4, B3)	Builds rapport with guests to closely tailor communication, quickly establishing and satisfying needs. (K3, K4, S3, S4, B3)

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KSBs	Pass Descriptors	Distinction Descriptors
Payments and Transactions K8 K9 S7 S8	Demonstrates how to handle transactions or payments, applying relevant packages or allowances to guest purchases. (K8, K9, S7, S8)	n/a
Teamwork and Communication K10 K25 S9 S23 B5	Communicates effectively within and between teams to ensure operational efficiency. (K10, S9, B5)  Demonstrates the ability to plan own workload to ensure tasks are completed. (K25, S23)	Prioritises and sequences tasks efficiently, communicating effectively with team to ensure coordination of tasks. (K10, K25, S9, S23)
Professional Standards K23 B6	Demonstrates professional standards in own role to meet the needs and expectations of the business. (K23, B6)	n/a
Equipment and Technology K15 S14	Uses on-site specialist equipment and technology safely and efficiently. (K15, S14)	n/a

#### **Interview**

### Key facts about the interview

In the interview, an independent assessor asks the apprentice questions. It gives the apprentice the opportunity to demonstrate the KSBs mapped to this assessment method.

This assessment method is being used because:

- > It assesses KSBs holistically and objectively.
- > It allows for assessment of KSBs that do not occur on a regular or predictable basis.
- > It allows for assessment of responses where there are a range of potential answers.
- > It can be conducted remotely, potentially reducing cost.

The purpose is to assess the apprentice's competence against the following themes:

- Guest safety, privacy and security.
- > Reporting issues.
- Food service.
- > Food safety.
- > Beverage service.
- > Housekeeping.
- > Stock management.
- Health and safety.
- > Key performance indicators (KPIs).
- > Performance and personal development.

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- > Sustainability.
- Shift handover.
- Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

The interview is underpinned by a portfolio which **must** be submitted to PAL as part of the Gateway evidence (see section 4).

The interview assessment duration is **90 minutes** (+10% at the independent assessor's discretion to allow the apprentice to respond to a question if necessary).

The independent assessor must ask a minimum of 14 questions. Further questions may be asked for clarification purposes and to allow the apprentice the opportunity to cover the knowledge, skills and behaviours mapped to this method of assessment. The independent assessor must use questions from PAL's question bank or create their own questions in line with the PAL's training.

#### What is the format of the structured interview?

The apprentice **must** have access to their portfolio of evidence during the interview.

The independent assessor must have at **least 2 weeks** to review the supporting documentation.

PAL must give an apprentice at **least 2 weeks' notice** of the interview.

The interview must take place in a suitable venue selected by PAL with the employer for example, the employer's premises. The interview can be conducted by video conferencing. PAL must verify the identity of the apprentice and ensure the apprentice is not being aided. The interview should take place in a quiet room, free from distractions and influence.

The apprentice may choose to end the assessment method early. The apprentice must be confident they have demonstrated competence against the assessment requirements for the assessment method. If the apprentice asks to end the assessment method early, the independent assessor:

- Must ensure the apprentice is fully aware of all assessment requirements.
- Cannot suggest or choose to end any assessment methods early (unless in an emergency).
- Is responsible for ensuring the apprentice understands the implications of ending an assessment early if they choose to do so.
- May suggest the assessment continues.
- Must document the apprentice's request to end any assessment early.

#### How can a Hospitality Accommodation Team Member prepare for the interview?

- Practice undertaking interviews with their training provider, employer, and line manager.
- Practice interviews which cover a range of topics and areas of the standard, ensuring that they can provide full answers and specific examples of tasks/situations they have been involved in.
- Review terminology in the assessment plan and consider how this links to their role.
- Take time to reflect on their performance and identify how knowledge, skills and behaviours have been applied.

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# How will the interview be graded?

To achieve a pass, the apprentice must achieve ALL of the pass descriptors for this method of assessment through their interview responses.

To achieve a distinction, the apprentice must achieve ALL of the distinction descriptors for this method of assessment through their interview responses, AND all of the pass descriptors.

Please see Table 3 for the pass grading descriptors for this method of assessment.

**Table 3: Interview Pass and Distinction Grading Criteria** 

KSBs	Pass Descriptors	Distinction Descriptors
Guest Safety, Privacy and Security K6 K7 S6	Explains the legislation and local policies applied to ensure guest safety, privacy and security. (K6)  Explains procedures for handling of room keys and guest property. (K7, S6)	n/a
Reporting Issues K5 K11 S5 S10	Explains how they resolve customer complaints and report any faults, issues or damage. (K5, K11, S5, S10)	Justifies their approach to resolving customer complaints. (K5, S5)
Food Service K12 S11	Describes the steps of food service in line with of business processes and standards. (K12, S11)	Explains how steps of food service contribute to meeting business standards. (K12, S11)
Food Safety K13 S12	Explains how they comply with food safety and allergen procedures. (K13, S12)	n/a
Beverage Service K14 S13	Explains how to prepare and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages according to business standards and current legislation. (K14, S13)	n/a
Housekeeping K16 K17 K18 S15 S16 S17 B4	Describes the sequence for cleaning guest accommodation and public areas in line with business standards. (K16, S15)  Explains how they select and apply hygiene management techniques and the safe and appropriate handling of waste in line with COSHH guidelines. (K17, K18, S16, S17, B4)	Justifies the choices of hygiene management techniques used. (K17, S16)
Stock Management K19 S18	Explains how they manage stock in line with procedures relevant to own role. (K19, S18)	n/a
Health and Safety K20 S19	States ways to comply with health and safety legislation relevant to own role. (K20, S19)	n/a

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KSBs	Pass Descriptors	Distinction Descriptors
Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) K21 S20	Describes their own responsibility for contributing to KPIs in terms of efficiency, performance and profitability. (K21, S20)	Evaluates the role of KPIs in driving efficiency, performance and profitability in the business. (K21, S20)
Performance and Personal Development K22 K24 S21 S22 B1	Explains how feedback from managers is used to improve own performance and meet personal goals. (K22, S21, B1)  Explains how they stay up to date with business information and new procedures and discuss implementation within their team. (K24, S22)	Evaluates the impact of feedback and the use of support, training and development opportunities on their own performance. (K22, K24, S21, S22)
Sustainability K26 S24	Describes methods for reducing waste of resources in the business. (K26, S24)	Evaluates the effectiveness of methods of improving sustainability. (K26, S24)
Shift Handover K27	Describes the procedures for starting and finishing a shift. (K27)	n/a
Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) K28 S25	Explains how legislation and organisational policies have been followed to support and promote equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace. (K28, S25)	Evaluates their approach to supporting equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace. (K28, S25)

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#### **Section 6**

#### Fails/resits and retakes

PAL's resit and retake policy and pricing policy are available on request. The request can be made by contacting the account management team via email on <a href="mailto:info@professionalassessment.co.uk">info@professionalassessment.co.uk</a>.

The apprentice, employer and provider will be advised of the outcomes, and our policy works on the specific standard assessment plan's requirements regarding resits and retakes.

#### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating which applies to assignments or other types of written or recorded work completed by apprentices, where the work is meant to have been produced independently and be of their design. Plagiarism is the substantial, unacknowledged incorporation into an apprentice's work of materials derived from published or unpublished work by another person.

PAL takes all incidents of plagiarism seriously, especially those incidents which are a determined and deliberate attempt by the apprentice to gain marks for an assignment/project/report without having done a substantial portion of the work themselves. Copying of work can include work from external published sources, as well as that of other apprentices and work colleagues.

PAL's plagiarism and cheating policy can be accessed on the PAL website or by request to info@professionalassessment.co.uk

#### Appeals, complaints, maladministration, and malpractice polices - centre/candidate

Where apprentices are unhappy with the results of their end-point assessment, the customer (either the employer or provider) can enquire about the results. An enquiry means that PAL will invoke its Appeals and Disputes policy and procedure. Please refer to our latest emails.

To make an appeal, please contact: epaappeals@rofessionalassessment.co.uk

To declare a conflict of interest, please contact: declaration@professionalassessment.co.uk

To report a case of malpractice or maladministration please use one of the following addresses:

- ➤ If it relates to the EPAO, please contact: <a href="mailto:epamalpractice@professionalassessment.co.uk">epamalpractice@professionalassessment.co.uk</a>
- > If it relates to the apprentice, please contact: apprenticemalpractice@professionalassessment.co.uk
- ➤ If it relates to the employer or provider, please contact: <a href="mailto:eitpmalpractice@professionalassessment.co.uk">eitpmalpractice@professionalassessment.co.uk</a>

Note - access to these emails received under these addresses is restricted to personnel involved in compliance checks.

In the event of an appeal against the grade awarded PAL will carry out a further review of the evidence to confirm or modify the grade in line with their standard procedures.

Maladministration generally refers to a system or administrative mistake or failure, which has the potential or does not affect the assessment process and as such is reportable.

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Malpractice is a grave offence and where proven will result in immediate sanctions, disciplinary action and possible dismissal and notification to the regulator, notifying them of the malpractice and action taken. Malpractice is the term applied to any intentional and planned act to alter an assessment or quality assurance decision by changing/removing/not recording accurately or augmenting information.

PAL's Maladministration and Malpractice policy can be accessed on the PAL website or by request to info@professionalassessment.co.uk

#### Reasonable adjustments/considerations/adaptations

Where reasonable adjustments have been requested, the assessor at the assessment planning meeting will finalise any such arrangements. Discussions regarding a special consideration request should be made at registration and discussed with the EPA team. It is the responsibility of the provider or employer, acting on behalf of the apprentice, to make such requests.

Special considerations in respect of the assessment process will be applied, where it does not provide any fair or unfair advantage to the individual apprentice and subsequent assessment outcome and in line with PAL's policy.

PAL's Special Considerations and Reasonable Adjustment policy is in place to ensure fair access to assessment and can be accessed on the PAL website or by request to info@professionalassessment.co.uk

#### Certification

PAL will request the apprenticeship certificate for successful end-point assessments using the Apprenticeship service portal. PAL does not certificate the apprenticeship standard; its role is to request the certificate.

PAL will provide information and reports to the relevant regulator and funding body, in line with their conditions, and as and when requested. Notification to these bodies includes successful achievements and completions. Incomplete assessments are recorded.

Certification requests are made by PAL, and the current process is the certificate is sent to the named employer. Employers must advise the EPAO of any specific location or person the certificate should be sent to if this information differs from the apprentice's workplace location and employer contact details provider on the EPAO's booking system.

Cancelling or rescinding results - PAL reserves the right to cancel results if malpractice is identified.

#### Validity, Authenticity, Relevancy, Currency, and Sufficiency

The evidence presented must be meet VARCS requirements.

- ➤ **Valid** is the evidence appropriate to demonstrate the particular knowledge, skills and/or behaviours that it is intended to cover?
- > **Authentic** is the evidence proven to be the apprentice's own work; have any work products or witness testimonies been appropriately authenticated?
- > **Relevant** Is the evidence relevant to the particular knowledge, skills and/or behaviours that it is intended to cover and has a clear judgement?
- > **Current** does the evidence relate to the on programme element of the apprenticeship and does it demonstrate current competency?
- > **Sufficient** does the evidence match the level of the apprenticeship standard and is the relevant standard covered in full?

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### **Glossary of Terms**

EPA - end-point assessment.

IA - independent assessor.

**Employer** – A representative from the employer, this is usually a direct line manager, head chef or appropriate nominate representative who has supported the apprentice during their apprenticeship.

**Gateway review** – A meeting involving the apprentice, employer and on programme trainer where the readiness for end-point assessment is determined.

**Planning meeting** – A meeting involving the apprentice, employer and end-point assessor where the end-point assessments are clarified and planned.

PAL - Professional Assessment Limited.

**IQA** - Internal quality assurance/assurer, the department and/or personnel who are responsible for the quality of end-point assessment internally to Professional Assessment.

**EQA** – External quality assurance/assurer, the independent external body who are responsible to regulate the quality of end-point assessment plans, standards and administration of assessment.

**Standardisation/moderation** – Activity completed by end-point assessors to support validity and fairness in end-point assessment decisions.

**Special considerations** – Any permanent or temporary disability, specific learning needs or medical condition which may require support during end-point assessment.

**Reasonable adjustments** – Adjustments made to the assessment process in relation to special considerations, which do not provide an unfair advantage to the apprentice but are designed to reduce any disadvantages within assessment.

**Assessment plan** – The document produced by the employer group, approved by the EQA which documents the requirements of the standard and assessment methods.

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# Appendix 1 – Gateway Declaration Record for Hospitality Accommodation Team Member ST1420 v1.0 Level 2

All information received will be processed as per GDPR requirements and as detailed in Professional Assessment Ltd.'s (PAL) Data Protection Policy and Data Privacy Notice.

Please ensure the apprentice's name is spelled accurately as this is how it will appear on the results statement/certificate.

Apprentice Name	Click or tap here to enter	Apprentice Contact	Click or tap here to enter text.	
	text.	Number		
Apprentice ULN	Click or tap here to enter	Apprentice Email	Click or tap here to enter text.	
	text.	Address		
<b>Direct Line Manager</b>	Click or tap here to enter	Direct Line Manager	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Name	text.	Contact Number		
Direct Line Manager	Click or tap here to enter	Employer	Click or tap here to enter text.	
Email Address	text.	Organisation		
Start Date of	Click or tap to enter a date.	<b>Gateway Review Date</b>	Click or tap to enter a date.	
Apprenticeship				
Age at Start of	16-18 🗆			
Apprenticeship	19+ □			
Has the apprentice had		BIL Start Date	Click or tap to enter a date.	
any Breaks in Learning	Yes □ No □			
(BIL)?		BIL End Date	Click or tap to enter a date.	

# **Section 1: Confirmation of Evidence and Reasonable Adjustments**

All requirements listed below must be uploaded to EPAPro at point of submitting the apprentice to Gateway. Apprentices will not be permitted to proceed to their end-point assessment until all evidence is uploaded and approved by PAL.

Requirement	Evidence available		
For Apprentices aged 16-18 at the Start of their Apprenticeship			
English as per DfE funding rules	Yes □ No □		
Maths as per DfE funding rules	Yes □ No □		
Does the apprentice have an exception to the regular English and maths	English - Yes 🗌 No 🗌		
minimum requirements which is a barrier to them achieving the English and/or maths requirements as per DfE funding rules?  Evidence of a thorough and evidence-based assessment will be required that	Maths - Yes □ No □		
demonstrates that even with support, reasonable adjustments to the learning			
programme, and stepping stone qualifications, the apprentice will not be able to			
achieve the regular English and maths requirements			
For Apprentices aged 19+ at the Start of their Apprentic	eship		
Has the apprentice undertaken English and maths as part of their	Yes □ No □		
apprenticeship? (For information only)			
For ALL Apprentices			
Does the apprentice require a reasonable adjustment <u>specifically</u> for end-point assessment? (In addition to any adjustments for on-programme learning)	Yes □ No □		
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Requirement	Evidence available
Portfolio of evidence completed	Yes □ No □
Fully completed portfolio mapping record, including employer and apprentice	Yes □ No □
signed statement validating the portfolio evidence	

#### **Section 2: Declaration**

#### **Employer and Training Provider Declaration**

- I confirm the evidence has been reviewed and a Gateway meeting has taken place with the apprentice, employer, and training provider to confirm the apprentice's competence and readiness for end-point assessment.
- > I confirm that the apprentice has developed, demonstrated, and achieved the required level of occupational knowledge, skills, and behaviours to satisfy the Gateway requirements in their workplace.
- ➤ I confirm that the apprentice is eligible for end-point assessment by undertaking the required training in line with the specific Apprenticeship Standard's requirements, including on and off the job training and experience to meet the full breadth and depth of the Apprenticeship Standard.
- > I confirm that the assessment environments, including areas where exam conditions can be observed, have been identified, and agreed.
- > I confirm that reasonable adjustment requests have been submitted where appropriate to the apprentice.

Employer		Training Provider	
Name	Click or tap here to enter text.	Name	Click or tap here to enter text.
*Signature	Click or tap here to enter text.	*Signature	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date	Click or tap to enter a date.	Date	Click or tap to enter a date.

#### **Apprentice Declaration**

- > I confirm my readiness for the end-point assessment has been discussed with my employer and training provider.
- ➤ I confirm I am aware of the requirements of the end-point assessment.
- > I give PAL, as the end-point assessment organisation, my consent to claim the Apprenticeship certificate on my behalf on successful completion of the end-point assessment.

Name	Click or tap here to enter text.
Signature	Click or tap here to enter text.
Date	Click or tap to enter a date.

<sup>\*</sup>Supporting evidence to be submitted for electronic signatures, e.g., email confirmation, voice recording.

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