

APPRENTICESHIP STANDARD (LIGHT VEHICLE L3)

Frequently asked Questions

For IMI Approved Centres

What is the new Apprentice Standard?

These are apprenticeship programs designed by groups of employers to more closely meet the needs of businesses in each sector than the current frameworks. They have been developed as part of the Governments drive to improve the quality of apprenticeships across the whole of the economy and in doing so raise the status of apprenticeships as a viable alternative to university.

When does the new Apprenticeship Standard (Trailblazer) start?

The Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle) Apprenticeship Standard is available now for L3. Prior to May 1st 2017 employers will need to co-invest at a rate of 2:1, meaning the Government will give the training provider £2 for each £1 the employer pays, for the duration of the course. This may be significant for apprentice employers who will be paying the Apprenticeship Levy after May 1st 2017. For more information contact us on enquiries@theimi.org.uk

Do I need to switch to the new Standard in 2017?

This will depend on the businesses that you work with to supply apprenticeship training. They still have the choice to remain with the SASE framework. However, the Government has cut the funding levels for these frameworks to encourage the cross over to the new system. It is anticipated that many employers will consequently want to switch next year.

Can I just start signing employers up to use the new Standard?

You can as soon as you have registered. Your training centre will need to apply to be listed on the new Register of Apprentice Training Providers (RoATP) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/register-of-apprenticeship-training-providers>

How does the IMI registration process work?

The registration process works in the same way as any other qualification and is accessible through Web Portal 2. Please ensure you select all the elements you require during the registration process.

How is the funding drawn down?

Select 'STANDARD' in your MIS and use LARS code 59

Is Roll on roll off provision acceptable?

Yes 'roll on' 'roll off' is acceptable. There is no stipulation that an apprentice must start at any specific point in the year. The start date of the training will be agreed between the training provider/college and the employer.

Is there a process for transferring a candidate?

Candidates can be transferred and as long as access is made available to the electronic logbook for the end point assessment. Previously achieved gateways will also be recognized providing there is supporting evidence, e.g. a certificate of completion/achievement.

What is the ratio of assessor to candidates?

There is a maximum of three candidates per assessor. The Independent Technical Observer can observe a maximum of three assessors providing the environment is suitable and all assessments can be viewed at the same time.

What involvement does an IQA need in relation to the e-logbook?

There is no requirement for the IQA to monitor or quality assure the contents of the e-logbook. This is for the apprentice to populate and the employer/mentor to review at each gateway. The Independent Technical Observer will also review this during or before the end point assessment.

Can the tutor delivering the course do the end assessment?

Yes, although this would not be 'best practice'. The Independent Technical Observer to the Assessment Organisation proposes the final recommendation of the grade.

Is the learner disadvantaged if they change employers half way through the course?

No they shouldn't be depending on what stage of the 'programme' they are at. For example any Gateway achievement can be recognised but work towards may need to be rechecked by the new employer and possibly resubmitted

How long are the end assessments?

The requirement is 12 hours of manufacturer recommended repair times to be assessed over two days. Assessments will typically range from 1 to 3 hour

Do the IMI provide assessment points?

The IMI will recognise and certificate the Gateways following successful completion of all the component parts

What happens if all the assessments are on the same day?

All the assessments cannot take place on one day as the apprentice needs to complete 12 hours of assessment

What happens if the apprentice fails the assessment on the day? How long before they can retake? Is there extra cost if they fail?

A decision is yet to be made by the Trailblazer group on this. It is unlikely there will be sufficient time to reset and re-assess the practical on the same day and this will also depend on the extent of the referral

What does the assessment day look like?

This is likely to look different between providers. It will depend on the number of apprentices and the workshop layout. However, it will be at least two days of practical assessments with attendance of an Independent Technical Observer

Can an independent assessor assess 4 assessors i.e 16 candidates at one time?

Independent Technical Observers can observe a maximum of three assessors at any one point as long as the workshop layout allows this. With the ratios agreed by the Trailblazer group one Independent Technical Observer can oversee a maximum of 9 apprentices

Assessor workshops/ staff training provisions?

The IMI will be developing workshops/e-learning for assessors and trainers

Will there be standardisation for every one taking part?

The IMI will be delivering standardisation events regionally

Will soft skills training be available?

Detailed instructions will be provided for the behaviours assessment and training will be possible on request

What if I can't find the answer I need here?

The IMI has endeavoured to include all the important information about the Apprenticeship Standard and the role and responsibilities of training providers in the new system, but there is a lot to take in. If you cannot find the answer to your question here then please contact us on enquiries@theimi.org.uk