

Trailblazer Apprenticeships

Glossary

Cultural Heritage: Cultural heritage is objects and collections, the built environment, both moveable and immovable structures, and natural heritage that includes building and archaeological conservation work.

Digital Apprenticeship Service: Being launched in April 2017, the DAS will be the platform through which employers will access their levy funds, identify training providers and advertise vacancies. At this stage, only levy paying employers will be required to use this.

Framework: The term for the previous package of qualifications which could be followed as part of an apprenticeship. Previously the list of qualifications which could be delivered were set. These are being phased out.

Functional Skills: The term given for English, Maths and sometimes ICT qualifications. As part of apprenticeships, that if candidates don't already hold them, that they achieve these qualifications as part of their training.

Institute for Apprenticeships: A new independent statutory body introduced in April 2017, which will be responsible for approving new apprenticeship standards.

Levy: Being introduced in April 2017, this is the contribution employers with pay bills in excess of £3 million / year will be required to make. Funds will only be able to be used to support apprenticeship delivery.

Regulated Qualification Framework (RQF) Levels: All recognised qualifications are assigned levels which links to the levels of knowledge and skills a candidate who completes the qualification will be able to demonstrate. These skills levels are, entry 1, 2 and 3 then level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. For comparison, level 3 equates to 'A-Level', level 4 to the first year of an undergraduate programme, 5 to the second year, 6 to the third year. Level 7 and 8 are at a post graduate level.

Standard: The new model for apprenticeships which focus on the outcome and the job role the candidate is expected to perform. Qualifications are included but are only recommended. Employers and training providers can choose which qualifications a candidate takes and how to utilise the apprenticeship funding, provided 20% of their time is spent engaged in learning.

Trailblazer: The term for new apprenticeships being developed by employer groups.