

# Apprenticeship Standard

(England only)



## Arboriculturist

Industry	Land-Based	Lantra code	ST0921
Level	4	Typical duration	30 months
Funding band	£14,000	EPA cost	£2,800
Venue	College, public garden, private estate or park		

### Introduction to this Apprenticeship Standard

**This occupation is found in arboricultural, utility, facilities management and grounds maintenance organisations. These include local authorities, arboricultural consultancies, estates, commercial organisations and charities.**

The broad purpose of the occupation is to undertake tree inspections and surveys, recording information on tree management databases and to evaluate each tree individually. Although evaluating a tree requires balancing a wide range of factors and is complex and varied by nature, Arboriculturists focus on well-defined and more commonly found situations. The Arboriculturist would be supported when dealing, for example, with ancient or veteran trees, those that are rare, those that are of historical or cultural importance or those involved in subsidence. They supervise contractors undertaking specified tree works and can check for the safety of the site and quality of work. Arboriculturists comply with legislation in relation to trees including making sure relevant authorities have approved work to be undertaken. They provide tree related advice – management and law. They manage woodland, having oversight of budgets, make grant applications and preparing quotes. They manage clients and engage with the public.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with colleagues, the general public, stakeholders, clients, landowners, lawyers, insurers, budget holders and organisations managing built infrastructure.



### On Programme Apprentice Activity and Tracking

Apprentices will need to develop the occupational standard's knowledge, skills and behaviours in order to achieve this Apprenticeship:

- **A Portfolio** – typically 15 pieces of evidence related to the knowledge, skills and behaviours assessed by the Professional Discussion
- **A record of Off-the-Job Training** – in line with the ESFA funding rules.

The on-programme portfolio will typically contain 15 discrete pieces of evidence that have required the Apprentice to demonstrate the range of skills, knowledge and behaviours. This may include workplace documentation, witness statements, annotated photographs and video clips. Reflective accounts and self-evaluations should not be included as evidence in the portfolio.



## Mandatory Qualifications

English and Mathematics qualifications in line with the Apprenticeship funding rules.



## Gateway Criteria

The Apprentice will be entered for EPA once the employer is satisfied that the requirements of the standard have been met and can be evidenced to an End Point Assessment Organisation and that the Apprentice is consistently working at or above the level set out in the standard.

- Apprentices must complete and submit their portfolio prior to taking their End Point Assessment.
- Evidence of Off the Job Training – in line with the ESFA funding rules.
- English and Mathematics qualifications in line with the Apprenticeship funding rules.
- Apprentices must have undertaken a minimum of 12 months of training before taking the End Point Assessment.
- For the practical demonstration with questions: a written declaration from the apprentice and employer must be submitted to the EPAO confirming the apprentice has no prior knowledge of the trees used in the assessment.



## Gateway Declaration

The Lantra Awards Gateway Declaration form must be completed, signed and dated by the Employer, Apprentice and Training Provider and uploaded onto ACE360 as part of the EPA registration process prior to the EPA taking place.

## End Point Assessment (EPA) – Demonstrating Learning

The End Point Assessment consists of 4 components:

<b>Short Answer Test</b>	12 questions requiring short answers to be completed within 75 minutes under controlled conditions. The short answer examination is closed book.
<b>Multiple-choice Test</b>	On-line multiple-choice test consisting of 30 questions to be completed within 60 minutes under controlled conditions. The multiple choice test is closed book.
<b>Observation with questions and answers</b>	The Apprentice will be required to complete a systematic tree inspection, leading to recommendations, of 6 trees and then delivering a verbal report of their tree inspection findings and recommendations to the Independent End Point Assessor. Total duration of 4 hours.
<b>Professional Discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence</b>	<p>The professional discussion is a 75 minutes structured one-to-one discussion between the Apprentice and the Independent End Point Assessor (IEPA).</p> <p>The discussion enables the Apprentice to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and behaviours within the standard, and will use the Apprentice's portfolio to check the Apprentice's competence and fully review the understanding of knowledge, skills and behaviours.</p>



## Apprenticeship Certification

Certificates are issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and sent direct to the Apprentice's employer.



## How Lantra can help

- We are specialists in environmental and land-based industries
- We offer good value and cost-effective EPA
- Our Assessors meet and exceed the requirements of the assessment plan
- We offer our service across the whole of England
- We use ACE360 - an apprenticeship standards management system - to manage EPA
- We are experts in the delivery of Apprenticeship Frameworks and National Occupational Standards
- With a 40-year history, delivering high quality, specialist support to the land-based industries is in our DNA.

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