

Apprenticeship Standard

(England only)



Advanced Sports Turf Technician

Industry	Land-Based	Lantra code	ST1323
Level	3	Typical duration	24 months
Funding band	£8,000	EPA cost	£1,600
Venue	Workplace or Training Centre		

Introduction to this Apprenticeship Standard

The broad purpose of the occupation is to ensure that public and private sports turf surfaces (including hybrid but not fully artificial surfaces) meet the requirements of the sport and are available for use at all levels from amateur to professional sport.

Advanced Sports Turf Technicians supervise the staff and the maintenance of the sports turf surfaces. They supervise the planning, maintenance, care and overall appearance of surfaces in line with the employer's requirements and the requirements of the sport's governing body. Apprentices may lead, support and supervise renovation and associated projects and typically have responsibility for maintaining wider facilities.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders. They might typically report to a manager, deputy manager, general manager, owner or a committee. On a daily basis, they may interact with visitors, the general public, players, coaching staff, and other turf management/greenkeeping colleagues. They may also be required to liaise with suppliers and delivery personnel.

Typical job titles include: Advanced Golf Greenkeeper; Advanced Sports Turf Technician; Assistant Head Grounds Person; Deputy Course Manager; Deputy Head Greenkeeper; Deputy Head Grounds Person; First Assistant Greenkeeper; Pitch Manager; Senior Greenkeeper; Senior Grounds Person and Skilled Grounds Person.



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** – detailing the progress made in learning knowledge, skills and behaviours
- **A record of Off-the-Job Training** – in line with the ESFA funding rules.

The on-programme portfolio will typically contain 20 discrete pieces of evidence that have required the Apprentice to demonstrate the range of skills, knowledge and behaviours as of the standards. 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

Apprentices without Level 2 English and Maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the End Point Assessment. (For those with an Education, Health and Care Plan or a Legacy Statement the English and Maths minimum requirement is Entry Level 3. British Sign Language qualifications are an alternative to English qualifications for whom this is their primary language).

In addition, all of the qualifications/training courses as outlined in the Gateway Criteria below need to be completed.



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.
- Apprentices without Level 2 English or Maths must achieve this level prior to gateway.
- Apprentices must have undertaken a minimum of 12 months of training before taking the End Point Assessment.
- Level 2 Award in Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) along with either PA2 (Boom Sprayer) OR PA6 (Handheld Applicators) or equivalents shown at:
https://www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/resources/R/Recognised_certificates.pdf



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 3 components:

Written Test

The online written examination consists of 14 open questions requiring 10 short structured answers and 4 long answers to be completed within 120 minutes under controlled conditions.

Project, presentation and questions

The Apprentice will be required to complete a project post gateway and then write a report of up to 3000 words. They will prepare a presentation for the EPA day and present for 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes of questions.

The project, presentation and questions are designed to cover knowledge, skills and behaviours and will ideally take place at the Apprentice's workplace or training centre or can be conducted by video conferencing.

Professional Discussion supported by a portfolio of evidence and facility walk

The professional discussion is a 120-minute structured one-to-one discussion between the Apprentice and the Assessor and consists of 2 parts.

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 working practices and the underpinning and applied knowledge, skills and behaviours.



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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