

# Apprenticeship Standard

(England only)



## Countryside Ranger v1.3

Industry	Land-Based	Lantra code	ST0926
Level	4	Typical duration	26 months
Funding band	£9,000 maximum	EPA cost	£1,800
Venue	Workplace		

### Introduction to this Apprenticeship Standard

**The broad purpose of the occupation is the daily management, maintenance, conservation and protection of the natural environment and to inspire people about the natural environment and encourage them to engage with their local green spaces.**

This includes a wide range of habitats such as moorland, heathland, wetland, woodland, grassland and coastal and protected landscapes. They organise, supervise and deliver specific land management, conservation and community engagement tasks and manage small scale projects working collaboratively both internally and externally with a wide range of partners, stakeholders, organisations and interest groups as well as creating safe environments where the public can enjoy the countryside and coastline. They carry out challenging work outdoors, in a variety of locations, which may be remote as well as undertaking their role all year round in a variety of weathers. They work with minimal supervision or as part of a broader team.

Typical job titles of roles that successful Countryside Ranger apprentices undertake include Community Ranger, Countryside Ranger, Estate Ranger, Estate Supervisor, Park Ranger, Ranger, Recreation Ranger, Reserve or Countryside Warden.



### 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**
- **A record of off-the-job training** – in line with the Apprenticeship funding rules.

The on-programme portfolio will typically contain 15-25 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.

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 End Point Assessment (EPA) once the Employer is satisfied that 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 their portfolio prior to taking their EPA
- Evidence of off-the-job training – in line with the Apprenticeship funding rules
- English and Mathematics qualifications in line with the Apprenticeship funding rules
- Level 3 Award or training and assessment in emergency first aid at work minimum 1 day course (face-to-face), carried out by either an awarding organisation, a UKAS accredited trade body or voluntary aid society recognised by government as specified in HSE document GEIS 3
- An Ofqual regulated Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Brush Cutters and Trimmers
- Apprentices must have undertaken a minimum of 12 months of training before taking the EPA.



## Gateway Declaration

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

## End Point Assessment – Demonstrating Learning

The EPA consists of three components in the sequence as follows:

<b>Knowledge Test</b>	The online knowledge assessment is a multiple-choice test consisting of 50 questions each with four response options. The assessment must be completed within 90 minutes under controlled conditions.
<b>Practical Assessment</b>	The Apprentice will be observed by an Independent End Point Assessor (IEPA), completing a practical assessment consisting of two practical tasks to be completed in controlled conditions with responses to verbal knowledge questions posed by the IEPA. The two activities will be time bound and will take no more than 5 hours 40 minutes including a total of 40 minutes for questioning.
<b>Professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio</b>	The professional discussion is a structured discussion between the Apprentice and the IEPA. The discussion will take approximately 90 minutes and will use the Apprentices portfolio to cover the Apprentice's achievements, the standard of their work and their approach on knowledge, skills and behaviours mapped to this assessment method.



## Apprenticeship Certification

Certificates are issued by the Apprenticeship Assessment Service and sent directly 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 IEPAs meet and exceed the requirements of the End Point 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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