

Apprenticeship Standard

(England only)



Livestock Unit Technician v1.2

Industry	Land-Based	Lantra code	ST0938
Level	3	Typical duration	18 months
Funding band	£5,000 maximum	EPA cost	£1,000
Venue	Workplace		

Introduction to this Apprenticeship Standard

The broad purpose of the occupation is to operationally manage the livestock related tasks on the farm such as animal health and welfare from conception and birth through to the customer and to support business productivity.

The individual will make key decisions on a day-to-day basis to ensure the protection of their health and safety and others. This includes ensuring the standards of cross compliance, farm assurance, biosecurity and infrastructure are met. The Livestock Unit Technician will usually work with one species. The role will include the safe use and maintenance of farm vehicles, including equipment used for transporting or producing feed. The individual will be required to understand, record and meet business key performance indicators that are set out by the employer.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts internally with team members including line manager, business owner and other departments on the farm. They may have the opportunity to manage people internally and manage external relationships. The individual will work alongside allied industry, to make formative decisions to assist the productivity of the livestock including, breeding, nutrition, and health plan. In addition to this, they will provide factual data to third parties such as assurance, auditors, and vets.

Typical job titles include Flock Manager, Head Shepherd, Head Stockperson, Herd Manager, Unit Manager.



On-programme Apprentice activity and tracking

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

- **A portfolio** - containing evidence related to the knowledge, skills and behaviours that will be assessed by the professional discussion
- **A record of off-the-job training** – in line with the Apprenticeship 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 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

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 standards 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 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
- Apprentices must have undertaken a minimum of 12 months of training before taking the EPA
- Apprentices must complete City and Guilds Level 2 Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides or Lantra Awards Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides
- 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
- Level 2 Safe Use of Veterinary Medicines.



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 Gateway process prior to the EPA taking place.

End Point Assessment – Demonstrating Learning

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

Multiple-Choice Test	The online multiple-choice test consists of 20 closed response questions to be completed within 30 minutes under controlled conditions.
Observation with questions and answers	<p>The Apprentice will be observed one-to-one by the Independent End Point Assessor (IEPA), completing a practical assessment consisting of three practical tasks to be completed in controlled conditions. The practical tasks are designed to cover knowledge, skills and behaviours and will include verbal questioning by the IEPA.</p> <p>The observation with questions must take 5 hours, ideally at the Apprentice's workplace (or a similar workplace).</p>
Professional discussion	<p>The professional discussion is a 60 minute structured one-to-one discussion between the Apprentice and the 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 working practices and the underpinning and applied knowledge, skills and behaviours.</p>



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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