

# Title: Open Awards Level 6 End-point assessment for ST0761 Agriculture or Horticulture Professional Adviser

Industry: Agriculture, environmental and animal care

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## Typical Duration

30 months

## Maximum Funding

£14000

## National Level

Level 6

## Entry Requirements

There are a variety of entry routes for candidates who have:

- an agriculture related FE qualification (HNC, HND or BSc)
- a wide range of arable and farming experience along with success at A-level or BTEC
- great aptitude for the role with English and Maths skills up to GCSE level
- completed a form of higher education in a near-related area e.g. Geography or a Science before pursuing supportive qualifications and extensive vocational experience to fill the gaps in their skills, knowledge and experience.

## Any mandatory qualifications?

Apprentices must achieve all approved qualifications mandated in the Agriculture/Horticulture Professional Adviser standard. These are:

BASIS-FSTS – Certificate in Crop Protection IPM (Agriculture and Horticulture) – Option 1 (Agronomy and Precision Farming Adviser) Level: 6 (non-degree qualification)

OR

BASIS-FACTS Certification and Training Scheme (Agriculture and Horticulture) – Option 2 (Nutrition and Fertiliser Adviser) Level: 5

Apprentices without English or maths GCSE at grade A\* to C or equivalent must achieve Level 2 approved English or maths qualifications (either Functional Skills Level 2 or GCSE).

For those with formally recognised special educational needs, learning difficulties or disabilities, who struggle to achieve the regular English and / or maths minimum requirement due to the nature of their difficulty or disability, the minimum English and / or Maths requirement is Entry Level 3 (subject to conditions within the funding rules) and British Sign Language qualifications are an alternative to English qualifications for whom this is their primary language.

The apprentice must have collated and submitted a portfolio of evidence.

## Role Profile

The broad purpose of the occupation is to consult with and provide technical advice to farmers and growers to help them support their crop husbandry, based on the latest scientific thinking, environmental requirements and in line with legislation and policy.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with internal colleagues, farmers and growers and a range of industry experts (including scientists, independent experts, research organisations and other advisers).

A large proportion of the working day is spent on grower premises i.e. farms, nurseries, estates, glasshouses, of varying sizes and often outside in all weathers.

## On-programme stage

During this stage, the apprentice is employed within the agricultural or horticultural sector.

They complete both on-the-job and off-the-job training and learning, which should enable them to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours set out within the apprenticeship standard.



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## Completion and certification

Open Awards will issue a summary of results following successful completion of all EPA assessments.

Open Awards will also request the apprenticeship completion certificate on behalf of an apprentice once they have completed their apprenticeship.

## How will the learner be assessed?

This EPA consists of three different assessment methods:

1. Crop Walk (90 mins) with Recommendation Report (60 mins) plus Q&A (30 mins)
2. Presentation (40mins) and Q&A (20 mins)
3. Professional Discussion underpinned by Portfolio of Evidence (60 mins)

The EPA period must last for a minimum of one week but typically lasts for six months, starting when Open Awards has confirmed that all gateway requirements have been met.

## Progression opportunities

Apprentices who successfully achieve this apprenticeship could progress into employment in various roles, including the following job titles:

Agronomist, Consultant, Crop Consultant, Environment Specialist, Environmental Specialist Nutritionist.

## Why choose Open Awards Qualified?

Open Awards have been in business for 40 years. During that time, we have helped thousands of learners get started on the education ladder, return to learning, achieve qualifications to help their careers and progress into further and higher education.

Building on this expertise, we have become an end-point assessment organisation (EPAO) for a growing number of apprenticeship standards in England approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE).

Our EPAO number is: EPA0565

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