

Open Awards Level 2 End-point Assessment for Industrial Coatings Applicator

Route: Construction and the built environment

Code: ST0463

Typical Duration

18 months (this does not include EPA period)

Maximum Funding

£9000

National Level

Level 2

Entry Requirements

There are no set entry requirements to become an Industrial Coatings Applicator. Employers usually expect good literacy and numeracy skills, along with good communication and teamworking skills.

Role Profile

Skilled industrial coatings applicators play a key role in protecting the nation's infrastructure from deterioration for the benefit of existing and future generations. The protected structures will usually be on display and may include bridges, sports stadia, wind turbines, and buildings used for example as power generation facilities, high rise offices, schools, colleges, hospitals, hotels and warehouses, as well as more minor structures such as lighting columns.

They are required to prepare the surface of new or existing steel structures to remove any contamination, mill scale, rust, or unsound existing coatings, and apply the appropriate corrosion protection coatings to specified standards. The work usually takes place within a workshop or a designated area of a construction site for new steel structures, and on site for the maintenance or refurbishment of existing steel structures. A competent industrial coatings applicator will be able to undertake the role safely and without supervision.

Any Mandatory Qualifications?

The apprenticeship standard does not make achievement of any occupational qualification during the apprenticeship a mandatory requirement.

English and maths gateway requirements are based on the qualifications an apprentice holds when they start their apprenticeship. Where the apprentice holds neither Level 1 nor Level 2 approved English or maths qualifications, they must achieve an approved Level 1 qualification in English or maths. Where the apprentice already holds Level 1 approved English or maths qualifications, they must still be assessed at Level 2 in English or maths (either Functional Skills Level 2 or GCSE). For English, where Functional Skills is the qualification option used, this must include evidence of attempting all three assessment components/ units.

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.

In addition, apprentices on this standard are required to develop a portfolio of evidence during the on-programme stage and submit this to Open Awards alongside the other gateway evidence.

On-Programme Stage

During this stage the apprentice is employed within a steel engineering environment and completes 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 End-point Assessment (EPA) requirements. Open Awards will also request the apprenticeship completion certificate on behalf of an apprentice once they have completed their apprenticeship.



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

More Information: www.openawards.org.uk

How Will the Learner Be Assessed?

The EPA consists of two assessment methods which are individually graded:

- Practical tests - 3 hours and 30 minutes
- Professional discussion - 60 minutes

The assessments can be taken in any order but apprentices are required to undertake both over a maximum period of two consecutive days and within a period of three months from the gateway.

Progression

Apprentices who successfully achieve this apprenticeship could progress into employment within the national infrastructure sector within teams in small, medium or large enterprises and their work may involve travelling throughout the UK. With experience, this could lead to a team leader or supervisor role overseeing the work of other industrial coatings applicators.

