



Draft Preview

DRAFT APPRENTICESHIP ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR THE VETERINARY NURSE (RCVS2026) APPRENTICESHIP

ST1508/V2

APPRENTICESHIP REFERENCE NUMBER	LEVEL OF THIS APPRENTICESHIP	INTEGRATION
ST1508	3	Statutory integration

Assessment Plan

Assessment details

Introduction

This Apprenticeship Assessment Plan (AAP) sets out the requirements for the assessment of the level 3 veterinary nurse statutory regulated apprenticeship. It should be read in conjunction with the General Requirements for Apprenticeship Assessment. Where there is conflict between this AAP and the General Requirements, this AAP takes precedence.

The regulator is the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

The RCVS sets standards of proficiency required for entry to the professional register and these are the occupational standards for a veterinary nurse. The RCVS also has the statutory duty to set requirements of programmes necessary to support the achievement of the knowledge, skills, and behaviours (KSBs) in the occupational standard. The apprenticeship standard and the delivery of the apprentices training must be aligned to all relevant RCVS standards to ensure that apprentices are eligible for entry to the RCVS register on completion.

It is important that the assessment of apprentices is proportionate, valid, and provides reliable evidence of an apprentice's attainment of the relevant knowledge and skills. As such, apprenticeship assessment must ensure:

- employers have confidence that the apprentice has reached the expected performance standard

- apprentices are sufficiently secure in their knowledge and skills, so that they could demonstrate their competence in different contexts, for example, a different workplace

Regulated qualification

Apprentices must complete the qualification detailed within the occupational standard during their apprenticeship, ensuring the minimum duration of the apprenticeship is met.

On successful completion of the qualification the apprenticeship can be awarded.

Awarding organisations and training providers must adhere to the requirements of the regulator.

Assessment Outcomes

The knowledge, skills and behaviours within the occupational standard fully align with the outcomes listed in the qualification, the qualification's assessment result shall confirm apprenticeship completion.

Apprentices are not required to undertake any additional assessments.

Grading

The apprentice is awarded:

Fail: Does not meet the RCVS Day-One Competences, skills and professional behaviours for Veterinary Nurses.

Pass: Has met the RCVS Day-One Competences, skills and professional behaviours for Veterinary Nurses.

Professional recognition

This apprenticeship aligns with the requirements for professional body recognition as detailed in the occupational standard.

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