



Skills England

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DRAFT APPRENTICESHIP ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR THE LIVESTOCK UNIT TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP

ST0938/V2

APPRENTICESHIP REFERENCE NUMBER	LEVEL OF THIS APPRENTICESHIP	INTEGRATION
ST0938	3	None

Assessment Plan

Assessment details

Introduction

This Apprenticeship Assessment Plan (AAP) sets out the requirements for the assessment of the level 3 Livestock unit technician 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. Assessment organisations must also comply with the relevant regulatory framework for apprenticeship assessment.

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, assessment organisations must design assessments to 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

Assessment Outcomes

The assessment outcomes group and summarise the knowledge and skills that must be demonstrated in assessments. All assessment outcomes must be assessed.

Knowledge and skills statements in **bold** are mandatory and must be assessed in every version of the assessment that is made available.

Knowledge and skills statements which offer opportunities to develop functional English and maths are identified with an asterisk.

Assessment Outcome	Mapping
AO1 Livestock health, welfare and biosecurity practices Plans, implements and reviews livestock health and welfare activities to maintain animal condition and control disease risks. Maintains biosecurity, hygiene and welfare practices using established procedures and legislation.	K1*, K7, K8*, K11*, K16* S1*, S8*, S11, S15
AO2 Livestock nutrition, breeding and performance Implements and monitors livestock feeding and breeding activities to support livestock condition and production outcomes.	K2*, K4*, K9*S2*, S4*, S9*
AO3 Livestock operations and handling activities Plans and carries out daily livestock operations to support the running of the unit and movement of livestock at different stages of production. Prepares livestock for sale or transfer for movement between locations.	K10*, K14S7, S10*, S14
AO4 Farm technology, machinery and equipment operations Uses farm vehicles, machinery, equipment and digital systems to support livestock management. Operates and maintains equipment to support livestock activities and animal welfare.	K5*, K6, K15*S5*, S6
AO5 Compliance, records and business performance Maintains and uses records to meet legal requirements and support operational decision-making. Uses production information to support changes to working practices in response to legislation and market conditions.	K3, K12*S3*, S12*

AO6 Sustainability, communication and stakeholder engagement Uses knowledge of sustainability and stakeholder roles to support communication and working relationships with stakeholders to support business operation and development.	K13, K17 S13*
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Assessment requirements

Assessment organisations must set apprenticeship assessments. Assessment organisations should consider how technology and digital tools can support innovation and efficiency.

Assessment organisations must design apprenticeship assessments to include at least one independently assessed in person **observation** carried out by the assessment organisation.

Any additional assessment, or assessments, must be selected from the following list of methods, to ensure the assessment outcomes are met in full. Assessments available in the list may be used more than once:

- additional observation
- written assessment
- professional discussion
- question and answer
- portfolio

Apprentices may be assessed at any appropriate point during their apprenticeship programme.

Assessments may be designed to allow a centre or training provider to mark assessments. The assessment organisation is responsible for ensuring all assessments are sufficiently reliable and valid, and for the accuracy of any centre or training provider marking.

Performance descriptors

Performance descriptors describe the level of performance required to achieve a pass or distinction grade. Assessment organisations must design assessments that align with these descriptions.

Performance Category	Pass	Distinction
Applied Knowledge	Applies sound application of factual, procedural, and theoretical livestock knowledge in a broad range of varied work activities, performed in a variety of contexts, most of which are complex and non-routine.	Applies thorough application of factual, procedural, and theoretical livestock knowledge in a broad range of varied work activities, performed in a variety of contexts, most of which are complex and non-routine.
Applied Skills	Selects and applies livestock skills, methods, and procedures consistently in a broad range of varied work activities and a variety of contexts, most of which are complex and non-routine. Solves well defined problems, which may be complex and non-routine, with sound judgement.	Integrates using livestock skills, methods, and procedures proactively and resourcefully in a broad range of varied work activities and a variety of contexts, most of which are complex and non-routine. Solves well defined problems, which may be complex and non-routine, that improve outcomes.
Regulatory and Procedural Awareness	Interprets and evaluates health and safety, welfare and biosecurity guidance, legislation and regulations relevant to the role, with minimal noncritical errors, and with some depth of insight and adaptability.	Applies evaluation of health and safety, welfare and biosecurity guidance, legislation and regulations relevant to the role, with minimal noncritical errors, and with greater depth of insight and adaptability.
Communication and Collaboration	Participates effectively in team environments and applies effective	Communicates clearly and confidently in team environments, adapting

	communication and customer service approaches, supporting daily operations.	communication and customer service approaches, supporting effective daily operations.
Information Use and Decision Making	Interprets and evaluates livestock information relevant to the role, from a variety of sources, supporting decisions and actions with sound judgement.	Applies evaluation of livestock information from a variety of sources, relevant to the role, with insight, supporting conclusions that improve outcomes.
Responsibility and Autonomy	Takes responsibility for initiating and completing livestock tasks and procedures including, where relevant, taking responsibility for supervising or guiding others. Exercises responsibility, autonomy and judgement within limited parameters.	Takes responsibility for initiating and completing livestock tasks and procedures with confident autonomy and sound judgement within limited parameters. Proactively manages own work, confidently, recognising when to refer issues beyond their responsibility.

Additional qualification

The qualifications detailed in the occupational standard must be completed before the end of the apprenticeship.

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