Assessment details

Introduction

This apprenticeship assessment plan (AAP) sets out the requirements for the assessment of the level 6 cyber security technical professional degree-apprenticeship. It should be read in conjunction with the General Requirements for Apprenticeship Assessment, including where Higher Education Providers (HEPs) sub-contract delivery of the apprenticeship. Where there is conflict between this AAP and the General Requirements guidance, this AAP takes precedence. The assessment of degree-apprenticeships must be delivered by HEPs in their role as an Assessment Organisation (AO). AOs must also comply with the relevant regulatory framework for apprenticeship assessment.

A degree-apprenticeship awards a degree with the achievement of the apprenticeship. The HEP awarding the degree-apprenticeship must ensure the degree learning outcomes fully align with the knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) set out in the apprenticeship. Employers must monitor behavioural development throughout the programme and confirm sufficient demonstration of all required behaviours before an apprenticeship certificate can be requested. Employers are responsible for reporting their behaviour verification to the HEP requesting the apprenticeship certificate.

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

- employers have confidence the apprentice has reached the expected performance standard
- apprentices are sufficiently secure in their knowledge and skills, so they can demonstrate their competence in different contexts, for example, a different workplace

Degree qualification

The degree detailed in the occupational standard must be completed, passed and formally conferred before apprenticeship completion.

Assessment Outcomes

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

Apprentices are not required to undertake any additional assessments.

Grading

The apprentice is awarded:

Pass – Meets the requirements for a pass.

Fail – Does not meet the requirements for a pass.

The apprenticeship will be graded pass or fail. This allows for the degree to operate with grading models that are different to the apprenticeship. This means that the degree can award grades above a pass and retain the degree classification system.

Professional recognition

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