

Frameworks

Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I find out more about apprenticeships?

A full list of apprenticeships available for use in England can be found at [Apprenticeship Frameworks Online](#). The individual framework documents detail what types of role learners may be employed in, give background regarding the sector, list the component qualifications, duration, specific detail re Key and Functional skills, ERR, PLTS and Guided Learning Hours etc.

AFO website searching tip: Frameworks developed specifically for the health sector all contain the word 'Health' in the title eg Health (Clinical Healthcare Support). To bring up all the apprenticeships developed specifically for use in the health sector type in 'health,' tick the 'current frameworks' box and tick 'Skills for Health' and 'Skills for Care and Development'. You can also search for non-health related apprenticeships on this site eg business and administration, cleaning etc by changing your search criteria accordingly.

National Apprenticeship Service [website](#) may also be useful.

What qualifications are included in an apprenticeship?

The [attached document](#) gives an overview of the different qualifications and workbooks required for each country and each type of apprenticeship framework. It also details the differences between frameworks during the transition from NVQ to QCF qualifications. For Apprenticeship frameworks in England and Wales issued or updated from April 2011 onward please use [Apprenticeship Frameworks Online](#) to see the current and all archived framework documents.

What are the Functional and Key Skills Qualifications and Exemptions?

If you are enquiring whether or not a particular GCSE/Key Skills qualification is allowable, please visit the [AFO website](#) and refer to the framework in question. Go to the frameworks library, search for your framework title, and then open the PDF. You will find all the information on transferable skills within these documents. You can also view a full list of allowable exemptions in the [Knowledge base](#) section of the ACE website.

Please note that SASE was modified in February 2015 effecting Functional and Key Skills exemptions for learners starting on or after 6th April 2015, please refer to the [new guidance](#) on the ACE website. For learners who started before 6th April 2015, the [original guidance](#) must be followed.

If you enquiring about a proxy exemption for key skills in a Blueprint framework please refer to this [document](#).

What were the changes to Apprenticeship completion requirements from January 2014?

From 1 January 2014 new rules apply to some of the England Apprenticeship Frameworks. Of particular note, learners must select specific units from the optional units available in the diploma qualifications as outlined in the table below. This is over and above the existing mandatory units in the diplomas. Certification for completion of the Apprenticeship will only be provided if the learner can provide certificated evidence that they have completed the following units:

- Dementia Awareness (Level 2) [J 601 2874](#) or Understand the process and experience of Dementia (Level 3) [J 601 3538](#)
- Understand Mental Health Problems (Level 3) [J 602 0103](#)
- Undertake Physiological Measurements (Level 3) [R 601 8662](#)

Apprenticeship Framework (ENGLAND)	Level	Mental Health	Dementia	Physiological Measurement
Health (Clinical Healthcare Support)	Intermediate	✓	✓	X
Health and Social Care (Health Pathway)	Intermediate	✓	✓	X
Health (Clinical Healthcare Support)	Advanced	✓	✓	✓
Health (Healthcare Support Services)	Advanced	✓	✓	X
Health and Social Care (Health Pathway)	Advanced	✓	✓	✓
Health (Allied Health Profession support)	Advanced	✓	✓	X
Health (Maternity and Paediatric Support)	Advanced	X	X	✓

Only the frameworks listed in the table are affected by this requirement. Applicable only to learners who begin their programme on or after 01 January 2014.

These changes do not affect Apprenticeship Frameworks in Wales.

Where can I find the Employment Rights and Responsibilities workbook?

The Apprenticeship Training Guide and Workbook for Dispensing and Pharmacy Assistants and Pharmacy Technicians can be found [here](#).

Recognition of prior learning

Skills for Health does not advise on this – please contact your Awarding Organisation or centre directly.

Funding

Skills for Health is not able to advise on this. Please see the [Skills Funding Agency website](#).

Vacancies

Skills for Health is not able to advise on this. Please see <http://www.jobs.nhs.uk> and <http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk>