

SASE FRAMEWORKS

Apprenticeship Standards are gradually replacing Apprenticeship Frameworks in England. In the meantime, many apprenticeship frameworks are still live, either continuing to take new starts or allowing existing apprentices complete their apprenticeships.

[Specification of Apprenticeship Standards for England](#) (SASE) is statutory and governs the content of the frameworks including:

- Naming conventions
- Delivery
- Qualifications and acceptable alternatives
- Key and Functional Skills
- Employment Rights and Responsibilities (ERR)
- Personal Learning and Thinking Skills (PLTS)
- Guided learning hours (GLH)

You can download the individual apprenticeship frameworks from [Apprenticeship Frameworks Online](#) (you may have to search current and archive to find the one you want).

As 'Issuing Authority' for the health sector in England, Skills for Health manages the development and maintenance of the apprenticeship frameworks used in the health sector. They also issue the certificates when the apprentice completes their apprenticeship.

For Certification and Frameworks FAQs, please see pages 3&4 and 5&6 respectively.

Last Start Dates

Last start date for SASE Apprenticeship in Health frameworks (level in brackets):
31st July 2020

- Emergency Care Assistance (2)
- Optical Retail (2, 3)
- Pharmacy Services (2, 3)
- Healthcare Support Services (2, 3)

After the last start date it will not be possible to register apprentices on these frameworks, before that date registrations can continue as normal.

New Standards

These frameworks are broadly replaced by the following standards. It's not always a direct match and in some instances one framework may be replaced by more than one standard.

Level	Framework Title	Standard Title
2	Pharmacy Services	Pharmacy Services Assistant
2	Emergency Care Assistance	Healthcare Support Worker or Ambulance Support Worker
2	Clinical Healthcare Support and Health and Social Care (Health pathway)	Healthcare Support Worker
2	Healthcare Support Services	No direct replacement, select one of the following based on role eg Hospitality Team Member, Horticulture and Landscape Operative, Customer Service Practitioner
2	Optical Retail	Optical Assistant
3	Dental Nursing	Dental Nurse
3	Pathology Support	Laboratory Technician
3	Optical Retail	Optical Assistant
3	Clinical Healthcare Support	Senior Healthcare Support Worker Option 1 Adult Nursing Support
3	Healthcare Support Services	No direct replacement, select one of the following based on role – Facilities Management Supervisor, Hospitality Supervisor, Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor, Security First Line Manager, Service and Maintenance Engineer, Business Administrator
3	Maternity and Paediatric Support	Senior Healthcare Support Worker Option 2 Maternity Support and Option 5 Children and Young People Support
3	Perioperative Support	Senior Healthcare Support Worker Option 3 Theatre Support
3	Allied Health Profession Support	Senior Healthcare Support Worker Option 6 Allied Health Profession – Therapy Support
3	Pharmacy Services	Pharmacy Technician
5	Assistant Practitioner	Assistant Practitioner (Health)

To see the stage of development of any of the new standards, please visit our website [here](#)

CERTIFICATION FAQs

Skills for Health issues certificates for England. All certification claims must now be made via [Apprenticeship Certificates England \(ACE\)](#)

Q. 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](#).

Q. I have a question about framework requirements eg ERR and GLH?

Please go to the [AFO website](#) to download a copy the framework you require. Go to the frameworks library, search for your framework title, and then open the PDF. You will find all the information you require within these documents.

Q. One of my learners has been rejected on ACE, what do I do?

When we reject a claim for certification we include a comment on the ACE system detailing the reason for the rejection. If you are writing to enquire why a certification claim has been rejected please go to the learner 'STATUS' tab on the ACE system to read the comment. If you are emailing us to appeal we will contact you within 5 working days, however we must follow the requirements of the SASE regulations, the requirements of the framework and the guidelines set by the [Federation for Industry Sector Skills and Standards \(FISSS\)](#), therefore we strongly advise that you make the changes we require as soon as possible.

Q. Where are my certificates - England?

All applications are approved or rejected within 10 days and Skills for Health will post the certificates within 10 days of the application being approved. Please note that you cannot apply for a certificate until payment has been made directly to FISSS via the Central Payment System, information on this system can be found below. If you are concerned about the whereabouts of a certificate that has recently been printed and posted, please contact certification@sfjuk.com

Q. How do I pay Skills for Health for my certificates - England?

Certificates are charged at £22 each. As of 1/9/2013 all certificates must be paid for via the Central Payment System (CPS). This system is operated by the [Federation for Industry Sector Skills and Standards \(FISSS\)](#), therefore any queries you have regarding the payment system must be sent directly to FISSS.

General FAQ's on the CPS can be found here. <https://acecerts.co.uk/web/central-payment-systemfrequently-asked-questions>.

No payments should be made directly to Skills for Health unless you are paying for a certificate reprint. Skills for Health will not issue invoices for payments made via the CPS.

FRAMEWORKS FAQs

Q. 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.

You can see the last start dates on Page 1 of this document and you may also find the National Apprenticeship Service [website](#) useful.

Q. What qualifications are included in an apprenticeship?

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.

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Q. Where can I find the Employment Rights and Responsibilities workbook?

The Apprenticeship 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 visit the Education and Skills Funding Agency [website](#).

Vacancies

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