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Level 4 End-point Assessment for Brewer

ST0580
Apprentice Guide



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What is the EPA?

The EPA is the final part of your apprenticeship. It is important so prepare well for it! It is designed to confirm you have the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to become a qualified Brewer.

Are you ready for your EPA?

Check that you have completed these Gateway requirements to start your EPA.

- ✓ A completed Brewer log book, signed off by your employer
- ✓ Level 2 Functional Skills in mathematics or GCSE in mathematics
- ✓ Level 2 Functional Skills in English or GCSE in English
- ✓ A Gateway Declaration Form signed by you, your employer and training provider to confirm readiness for EPA

Remember!

Your employer and trainer won't enter you for the EPA unless they are sure you are ready and confident to take your EPA.

Practise for your EPA

The EPA is your chance to prove you have the knowledge, skills and behaviours to be a qualified Brewer.

Make sure you practise for it!

What to take to the EPA day

- ✓ Your ID (Photographic evidence e.g. passport or driving license)
- ✓ Your completed Brewer logbook

Reasonable Adjustments

Your employer must inform FDQ if you need any reasonable adjustments for your EPA; for example extra reading time or instructions in larger font. Make the request for adjustments when your employer requests your EPA test.

FDQ is committed to supporting all apprentices and ensuring the EPA experience is conducted in a fair and reliable way

See the FDQ Arrangements for Reasonable Adjustments policy at: www.fdq.org.uk

Timeline

FDQ will send details of the date and time of your EPA to your employer.

You have three months to complete your EPA.

Your EPA Manager will send your observation plan to your employer before your EPA, to help you prepare.



What you have to do at the EPA Day

Your IE will explain the order of the day to you including timings and breaks. You must complete three assessments:

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| 1 | Knowledge Test (online or paper based) | Time allowed 60 mins plus 5 minutes reading time | Questions 30 multiple choice questions | Graded Fail/pass |
| 2 | Practical Brewing Assessment | Time allowed 4.5 to 5.5 hours | Assessments Walk & Talk Direct observation Questioning | Graded Fail/pass/distinction |
| 3 | Professional Discussion | Time allowed 55-65 minutes | Assessments Competence and technical questions | Graded Fail/pass |

See the Employer and Training Provider Handbook for sample tests and more information about the assessments, as well as the specification for the log book.

What happens after?

FDQ will confirm the final results, including a grade for the EPA to your employer/training provider within 8 weeks of the EPA day.

When you pass your EPA

You will receive a statement of your results, including a grade, from FDQ.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), on behalf of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education will send your Apprenticeship certificate to your employer.

Congratulations!

If you don't pass your EPA

If you fail one of the tests, you and your employer have two choices. You can either:

1. Apply to re-sit or re-take the individual EPA test. You do not have to complete further learning for a re-sit; but if you do need more learning, you can re-take the tests. FDQ will provide areas to focus on to prepare for a re-take.

You must complete your re-sit or re-take within 3 months of your original EPA day, or you will need to re-sit or re-take the whole EPA.

2. Appeal to FDQ if you disagree with your result. If you feel you were unfairly assessed then you should speak to your employer and trainer, who will follow the FDQ appeals procedures to help you.

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The FDQ Promise

FDQ want you to do well and promise your EPA will be:

Clear – so you understand what you have to do on the day.

Supportive – we give your employer and trainer lots of information in the Employer and Training Provider Handbook that will help you prepare for your EPA– make sure you use it!

Fair – our Independent Examiners (IEs) are industry professionals trained to be fair, reliable and to give you every opportunity to succeed.

Consistent – after your EPA, your examiner will submit a recommended grade which will be moderated at FDQ HQ for Quality and Assurance purposes.