

Apprenticeship Workforce Development

The Apprenticeship Workforce Development (AWD) offer, launched in January 2021, supports staff delivering apprenticeships with the teaching skills, subject knowledge and confidence they need for the benefit of their learners.

The AWD online CPD is available free of charge and allows trainers and leaders, once an account and profile has been created, to engage with the training when it is suitable for them. The offer is split up into eight courses across four strands.

Strand: Effective Technical Teaching

This strand of the Apprenticeship Workforce Development (AWD) offer will support colleagues to successfully deliver high-quality teaching and learning experiences; working in partnership with employers to prepare learners for End Point Assessment (EPA) and employment.

Who is it useful for?

Teachers, trainers, assessors, managers and leaders directly involved in delivering or supporting apprenticeships.

This strand is split into two interlinked courses:

Enhancing Pedagogy and Professional Practice

This course will help you to understand the evolving national context for technical education and apprenticeship reforms and how this will affect your professional practice. It explores dual professionalism as a means of high-quality apprenticeship delivery.

It covers the apprenticeship journey from induction to gateway, as well as how to prepare apprentices for EPA success, looking at the roles of all key partners on that journey. The course also looks at how to overcome barriers that apprentices may encounter.

This is a flexible online course, with eight hours of self-guided learning recommended over four weeks. You will be encouraged to share your reflections and experiences with others on the course. You will also complete an independent learning task to support a deeper understanding of your chosen topic and an action plan to help you embed what you have learnt and to set a timescale for deciding 'what next'.

Preparing for End Point Assessment Success

The introduction of EPA has been a fundamental pillar of the apprenticeship reforms. This course covers the impact of EPA on the role of the trainer and employer and the entire apprenticeship journey. It explains how to effectively use assessment to support apprentices' learning and how to best prepare apprentices to ensure a smooth Gateway and EPA process.

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These are stand-alone courses so can be taken independently of each other.
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Booking information

These courses are available to book through our [Professional Development Platform](#).

Cost

This course is funded by the Department for Education and offered at no charge.
