

How to prepare for TRAILBLAZERS

if you are a training provider

While employers may be in the driving seat when it comes to Trailblazer apprenticeships, training providers will play a key role in helping them to design, write and deliver the standards that will work across the industry.

We look at how training providers can prepare for and get involved in the apprenticeship reforms...



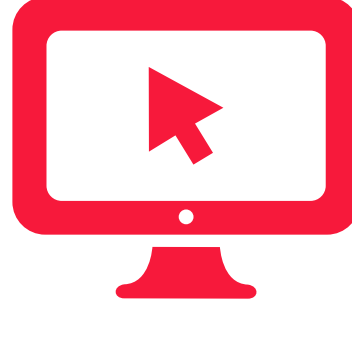
Training providers must be invited by groups of employers to support the process of creating an apprenticeship standard. However, anyone can view and comment on Expressions of Interest (EOI), draft apprenticeship standards or draft assessment plans.

Anyone can sign up to receive updates when the expressions of interest, standards and assessment plans are published monthly on the BIS consultation hub. Email: apprenticeship.trailblazers@bis.gsi.gov.uk



Familiarise

Familiarise yourself with the standards that are replacing apprenticeship frameworks and look at how you can add value to their development.



Updates

Updates to Trailblazer guides are ongoing, so sign up for email notifications from gov.uk to ensure you do not miss any of these changes.



Research

Stakeholder collaboration is a key element of the Trailblazer programme, so take the initiative and speak to local employers about the apprenticeships they want.



Funding

Funding varies for Trailblazer apprenticeships, so understand how much funding is available for each standard and work out your delivery costs with the relevant figures in mind.



Develop

Don't sit back and wait to be invited. Develop a business model that meets an employer's needs.



Understand end-point assessment (EPA) – including your role in negotiating with independent assessment organisations on behalf of the lead employers. These must be sourced via the SFA's official register.



Register

Get on the register of training organisations. Organisations must complete the SFA's pre-qualification due diligence process to secure a place on the register and be visible to employers.

Training providers should also familiarise themselves with the new requirements around sub-contracting.

Requirements

All apprenticeship providers must meet Ofsted requirements. The full criteria it uses are publically accessible and available online.



Develop

Develop your curriculum to deliver training that enables apprentices to achieve the relevant standards. Speak to us to find out what is already available for your market.



Publish

Establish sales and marketing plans for your apprenticeship training. Publish online guides, social media content for employers and host workshops to promote shared interests.



Tutors

Make sure you have enough tutors with the right skills to deliver the apprenticeship standard.

Demonstrating your ability to deliver training is a key part of the SFA registration process, so get your plans in place early.

Speak to us to find out which regulated qualifications we already have available to support the delivery of your Trailblazer standard.

76%

According to research by the Association of Employment and Learning Providers, 76% of the 499,900 apprenticeships delivered in 2014-15 were conducted by independent training providers.

A further 40% of college apprenticeship starts during the same period were subcontracted to training providers.

40%

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