## **EPA EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM**



Name of EPA EE:	
Home institution and/or other professional/institutional affiliation of EPA EE:	
Apprenticeship allocated to EPA EE:	

- Please complete the report as fully as you can as it forms an essential part of the University's quality
  and standards, management, and enhancement arrangements. Course Leaders place considerable
  value on any written comment you can provide. There are 8 parts to the form; parts A, B, G and H
  are for all EPA EEs; parts C, D and E are for EPA EEs whose allocation includes EPAs completed through
  a piece of bespoke assessment; and part F is for EPA EEs whose allocation includes apprenticeships
  where the Award Board is the EPA, so you only need to complete the parts which are relevant to the
  EPA you are allocated to.
- Your report forms part of the arrangements for External Quality Assurance of End Point Assessment, ensuring EPA is planned, delivered and assessed in an appropriate manner on a national level. This guarantees apprentices are assessed effectively, each EPA is valid and reliable, and that the completion, achievement and certification of apprenticeships is credible and reliable.
- Please submit your report **no later than [Published Date]** (unless notified of a later date by the university school).
- When writing the report, please do **NOT** refer to individual apprentices or staff members by name.
- If you cover more than one apprenticeship, please ensure that your comments clearly identify the apprenticeship to which they refer.
- If your allocation includes apprenticeships delivered at one or more collaborative partner site, please
  identify to which partner or site any specific comments refer. Where a specific judgment or
  comment does not relate to all partner institutions or sites of delivery this must be indicated clearly
  within the report.
- Your EPA EE fee will be paid once this annual report form has been received. Fully receipted expenses incurred may be paid after each visit.
- The University reserves the right to request additional information on any areas it feels have not been fully addressed within the report.
- The University welcomes your comments on the effectiveness of this report template.

	A Ensuring Integrity and Independence of EPA)	Yes	No	Partially	N/A
1.	Is the End Point Assessment (EPA) delivered in line with the published End Point Assessment Plan (EPAP) for the Standard?				
2.	Are resources and documents relating to the EPA of the apprenticeship Standard offered up to date?				
3.	Is EPA conducted independently in practice?				
Please comment on the above questions, with reference to relevant evidence and clear explanation of how the evidence supports your answers					

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	t B Readiness for End Point Assessment all types of EPA)	Yes	No	Partially	N/A		
4.	Are requirements of the Standard achieved prior to sign-off, with the employer making the final decision on the achievement of competence and readiness of the apprentice for EPA?						
5.	Do apprentices and employers consider that they are ready for EPA, and that the EPA meets their occupational needs?						
1	Please comment on the above questions, with reference to relevant evidence and clear explanation of how the evidence supports your answers						
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	t C Assessing Apprentice Competence non-award Board EPA only)	Yes	No	Partially	N/A		
6.	Are individual assessment instruments/ methods fit for purpose, up-to-date and cover the requirements of the EPAP and occupational competence when applied in practice?						
7.	Are assessment materials a valid measure in practice of the knowledge, skills and behaviours required of the Standard?						
8.	Is assessed evidence valid? – relevant to the assessment criteria and appropriate assessment methods were used to obtain the evidence						
9.	Is assessed evidence authentic? – produced by the apprentice						
10.	Is assessed evidence current? – relevant at the time of assessment and is up to date						
11.	Is assessed evidence sufficient? – covers all the assessment criteria						
12.	Is assessed evidence reliable? – consistent across all apprentices, at the required level for the qualification and delivering the right outcomes for apprentices						
Please comment on the above questions, with reference to relevant evidence and clear explanation of how the evidence supports your answers							
	t D Rigour and Fairness non-Award Board EPA only)	Yes	No	Partially	N/A		
13.	Does the EPA measure apprentice achievement fairly and rigorously against the requirements of the apprenticeship Standard?						
14.	Is access to EPA fair and are decisions on reasonable adjustments consistent and take into account apprentice needs?						
15.	Is the EPA operating effectively, in that apprentices understand the assessment, it is conducted on time or in						

	line with clearly set expectations and there are sufficient Independent End Point Assessors (IEPA) involved?				
16.	Do IEPAs demonstrate relevant knowledge, occupational competence and understanding of the occupation and assessment criteria?				
17.	Are clear mark schemes in place for apprentices and used by IEPAs?				
18.	Is grading criteria applied accurately, consistently, and fairly?				
19.	Do standardisation and/ or moderation processes work effectively?				
20.	Are records of assessment decisions comparable between IEPAs and do they provide a consistent level of feedback to apprentices?				
21.	Is assessment reliable and comparable across different employers, places and times?				
22.	Is assessment comparable with previous cohorts?				
23.	Is assessment comparable across different End Point Assessment Organisations (EPAO) you are familiar with?				
24.	Are matters concerning the validity and reliability of assessment, such as assessment occurrences, and adverse circumstances affecting a cohort of apprentices, dealt with appropriately?				
25.	Is information and data that forms the basis for assessment decisions and for confirming the final outcome accurate and reliable?				
26.	Are the procedures and arrangements for confirming the final outcome (Award Board) in accordance with the Standard and the University procedures and requirements?				
Please comment on the above questions, with reference to relevant evidence and clear explanation of how the evidence supports your answers					
	E Access to Evidence non-Award Board EPA only)	Yes	No	Partially	N/A
27.	Were you given access to sufficient evidence to enable you to fulfil the duties of an EPA External Examiner?				
28.	Were you able to review documentation relating to the EPA, including assessment instruments/materials and internal quality assurance documentation?				
29.	Was the evidence received by you in a timely manner?				
30.	Were you able to review a representative sample of EPA assessed work, including access to face-to-face assessments?				
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	an academic year, where those apprentices are all assessed using the same assessment plan) completing the EPA?				
32.	Were you enabled to observe IEPA standardisation and/ or moderation meetings?				
33.	Were you enabled to meet with IEPAs and other staff responsible for the delivery of EPA?				
34.	Were you enabled to meet with apprentices and, where possible, employers?				
35.	Were you enabled to observe the meeting at which the final decision on the EPA is confirmed (Award Board)?				
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	t F End Point Asessment by Award Board Award Board EPA only)	Yes	No	Partially	N/A
36.	Did you visit the University (physically and/or virtually) for each cohort (group of apprentices undertaking EPA within an academic year, where those apprentices are all assessed using the same assessment plan) completing the EPA?				
37.	Were you enabled to meet with staff responsible for the delivery of EPA?				
38.	Were you able to review documentation relating to the EPA, including assessment instruments/materials and internal quality assurance documentation?				
39.	Did you attend the meeting/s at which the final decision on the EPA is confirmed (Award Board)?				
40.	Did you review the process for confirming the EPA result with the PSRB?				
41.	Are the procedures and arrangements for confirming the final outcome (Award Board) in accordance with the Standard and the University procedures and requirements?				
42.	Is information and data that forms the basis for assessment decisions and for confirming the final outcome accurate and reliable?				
43.	Are you assured that the uploading of the apprentice's course and personal details to the PRSB database/register, and the declaration of the apprentice's good health and character to the PRSB, been dealt with appropriately?				
Please comment on the above questions, with reference to relevant evidence and clear explanation of how the evidence supports your answers					

**Part G Enhancement of Quality** 

## (For all types of EPA)

Please comment on progress with areas for improvement previously raised (If this is your first years as an EPA EE please state 'not applicable')

Please comment on specific examples of good practice within the context of delivery of the EPA

Please identify any issues or activities within the context of the delivery of EPA that do not meet with the requirements of the Standard or pose a risk to effective deliver and/ pr the achievement of occupational competence

Please provide developmental advice to enhance the content, delivery, or assessment of the EPA

## **Part H Further Comments**

(For all types of EPA)

Do you have any additional concerns which have not been discussed?

Please note any general comments not addressed elsewhere in the report

If you are completing a term of office, we would appreciate a brief overview of your experience of being an EPA External Examiner at the University