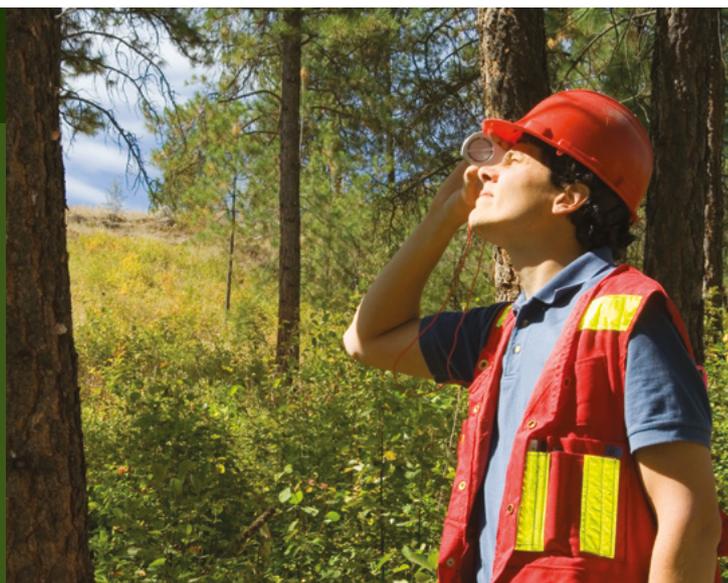




Forest Operative

Industry:	Land-Based
Lantra code:	ST0224
Level:	2
Typical duration:	24 months
Funding band:	£12,000 maximum
EPA cost:	£1,450
Venue:	Workplace or Training Centre



Introduction to this Apprenticeship Standard

Forestry is the art, science and practice of the establishment, maintenance and management of woodland, and timber harvesting. It is a varied global industry with a wide range of career opportunities including planning and management, conservation, recreation, research and logistics. Sustainable forest management produces a vital natural resource while benefitting society and the environment, and workers across all disciplines of the industry share a passion for working in an industry with so much to contribute to global wellbeing.

A Forest Operative will carry out the practical operations required to create, maintain and harvest forests and woodlands. Some will carry out operations across the range from planting to harvesting whilst others will specialise in a part of the process. All will need to be able and willing to do challenging work outdoors and, in all weathers, would be expected to be aware of the full range of forestry operations, and to understand the relationship between commercial, environmental and social forestry.

This Standard has two specialisms that Apprentices will need to choose from:

- Harvesting
- Establishment and Maintenance.



On Programme Apprentice Activity and Tracking

This Apprenticeship is for a Level 2 Forest Operative – it contains all the skills, knowledge and behaviours required to develop a well-rounded worker who can function in a range of different forestry businesses. It has been designed for Forest Operative working in a range of different kinds of woodlands and forests.

The nature of the Forest Operative role, the requirement to have qualifications in order to work and changing seasons determine that some assessment procedures need to be carried out during the Apprenticeship.

On programme assessment will allow Apprentices to progress their skills, improve their knowledge and monitor their own progress towards the End Point Assessment. The Apprentice must complete the following during their Apprenticeship in order to enter End Point Assessment:

- All mandatory qualifications (as stated in the Standard)
- Practical and knowledge assessments
- Complete a log book detailing employer appraisals
- A record of Off the Job Training – this is training that must occur for a minimum of 20% of the time the Apprentice is paid to work and is training delivered outside of their normal working duties – to develop a wider understanding of the industry.



Embedded Qualifications

The following qualifications are embedded within the Standard and must be achieved prior to Gateway and End Point Assessment:

Core

- Level 2 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work
- Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance
- Level 2 Award in Crosscutting Timber using a Chainsaw
- Level 2 Award in Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm
- Apprentices without Level 1 English and Maths will need to achieve this Level and take the test for Level 2 English and Maths.

Establishment and maintenance pathway

- Level 2 Principles of Safe Handling and Application of Pesticides Guidance OR Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides
- Level 2 Award in the Safe Application of Pesticides using Pedestrian Hand Held Equipment (including application near water)
- Level 2 Award in Safe use of Brush-cutters and Trimmers
- Level 2 Award in Safe use of Forestry Clearing Saw.

Harvesting pathway

- Level 3 Award in Felling and Processing Trees over 380mm.



Gateway Criteria

The Apprentice will be entered for End Point Assessment once the employer and the training provider are satisfied that the Gateway requirements for End Point Assessment have been met and can be evidenced to the End Point Assessment Organisation; and that the Apprentice is consistently working at or above the level set out in the Standard. Requirements:

- All mandatory qualifications have been achieved and sufficient evidence of competence has been demonstrated
- On programme training and assessment undertaken and completed
- Evidence of Off the Job Training – for a minimum of 20% of the time they are paid to work and is training delivered outside normal working duties
- Apprentices without Level 2 English or Maths must achieve Level 1 and take the tests for Level 2 prior to gateway.



Gateway Declaration

The Lantra Awards Gateway Declaration form must be completed, signed and dated by the Employer, Apprentice and Training Provider and uploaded onto ACE360 as part of the EPA registration process prior to the EPA taking place.

End Point Assessment (EPA) – Demonstrating Learning

The End Point Assessment is composed of two elements which are undertaken in the sequence as detailed below:

On-line Multiple-Choice Knowledge Assessment

The on-line knowledge assessment is a multiple-choice question test consisting of 60 questions each with 4 response options. The assessment must be completed within 90 minutes under controlled conditions.

Practical Assessments with Verbal Knowledge Questions

The Practical Assessment will be assessed by an Assessor and consists of 5 real work practical tests with verbal knowledge questions to test the knowledge, skills and behaviours. The practical assessment is time bound and will take six hours to undertake.



Apprenticeship Certification

Certificates are issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and sent direct to the Apprentice's employer.



How Lantra can help

- We are specialists in supporting environmental and land-based industries
- We offer good value and cost-effective EPA
- Our Assessors meet and exceed the requirement of the assessment plan
- We offer our service across the whole of England
- We use ACE360 - an Apprenticeship Standards Management System - to manage EPA
- We are experts in the development and review of Apprenticeship Frameworks and National Occupational Standards
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