



The Light Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician Level 3 Trailblazer

The final Light Vehicle Service and Maintenance Apprenticeship Standard and assessment plan can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-standard-motor-vehicle-service-and-maintenance-technician-light-vehicle>

- It was developed by a number of vehicle manufacturers, dealer groups and a small number of independent garages. The RMIF also represented Independents. Jaguar Landrover were the lead employer and heavily influenced its development.
- The two page apprenticeship standard was originally approved in November 2014. It was subsequently amended (to remove the need for qualifications) when the assessment plan was published in October 2015.
- It is anticipated around 4,000 apprentices each year will eventually begin a Light vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician at level 3.

What is the Funding band?

The funding has been set in the highest band, and the government will pay £18,000. The employer will however have to pay £9,000 (but it may be possible to receive £10,400 back via incentive payments if they are an SME, who recruit a 16-18 year old, that goes on to successfully achieve the Apprenticeship Standard).

Overview of Published Apprenticeship Standard for light vehicle at level 3

- There are no entry requirements specified within the standard - it is down to the employers' selection criteria.
- The Light Vehicle Service and Maintenance Apprenticeship Standard is Level 3 (only) and will normally take 3 years to complete (for new entrants).
- Other than the refrigerant handling qualification, no other regulated qualifications are included.
- As with all Level 3 Apprenticeships now, GCSE's grade C (or better), or Functional Skills at level 2 in English and Maths must be achieved before the apprentice can receive the final completion certificate.
- The apprenticeship will be reviewed by the Light vehicle Trailblazer group on an annual basis.

The Assessment Plan (light vehicle level 3)

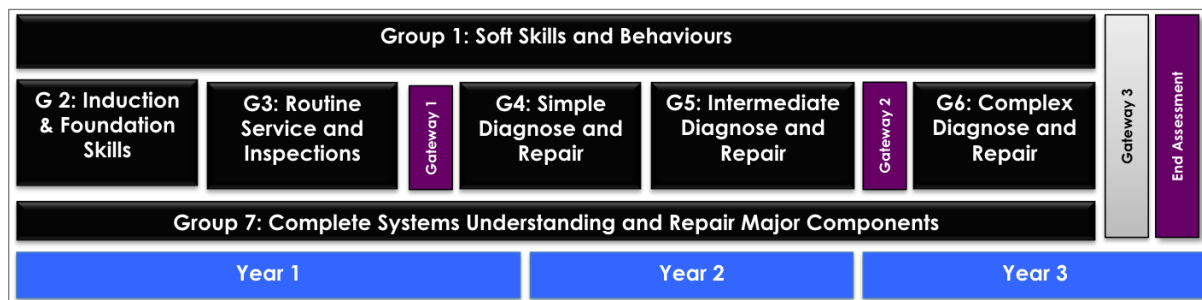
Whereas the Apprenticeship Standard is a two page document, the assessment plan is a 48 page document and provides a detailed view on the proposed assessment of the standard.

It also includes the training plan (teaching syllabus) and the behaviours framework.

There is a requirement for an Electronic Logbook to record the Apprentices progress and for other people to have access.

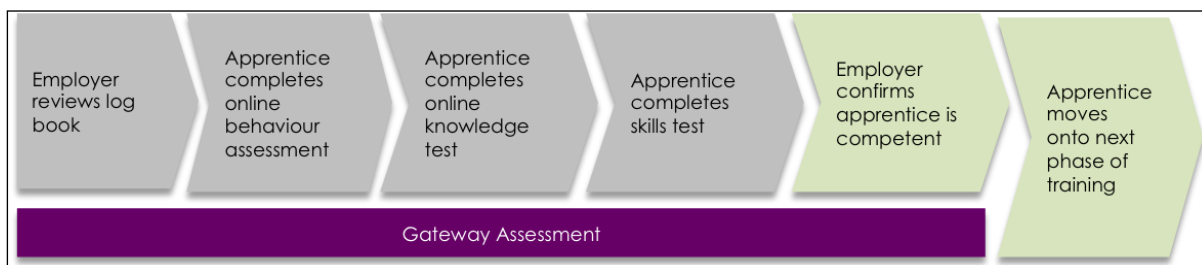
The training plan has been split into 7 groups, starting with *Induction* and *Foundation* skills, and culminating in the ability to carry out *Complex Diagnosis and Repair*.

Summary of programme:



Gateways

There are two important gateways within the programme that an Apprentice must successfully get through before proceeding onto the next phase of training. A third gateway is used to assess if the apprentice is ready to take the synoptic end test.



The gateways include a skills assessment (assessed by the training provider), a behaviours assessment and a knowledge assessment. Finally the employer must make the judgement as to whether the apprentice can proceed.

The role of the Assessment Organisation at the gateways

The assessment body will be required to review the progress of the Apprentice at the first two gateways by:

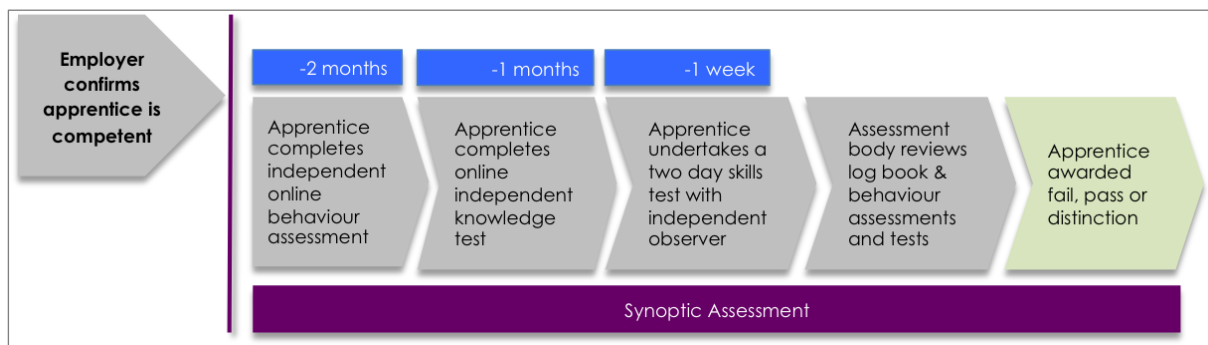
- Reviewing the evidence recorded in the eLogbook,
- Carrying out the online knowledge test,
- Providing the online behaviour assessment,
- Reviewing the results of the skills test.
- Liaise with the employer to agree the Apprentice is at the required level to proceed.

The Assessment Organisation will also sample training providers’ assessment processes to ensure quality and comparability across the sector.

The IMI will also provide a certificated record of achievement at each gateway that will provide some form of evidence should an Apprentice leave without completing the full Apprenticeship programme.

The Synoptic End test

The end test consists of a number of components which may be carried out over a period 2 months. The culmination of the end test process is a two day practical skills test. It can only be completed after the Apprentice has completed all other pre-requisites, e.g. passing the behaviours assessment, the online knowledge test etc. and must include the employer and training provider agreeing the apprentice is ready to take the skills test.



The assessment organisation will have a bank of around 40 practical assessments that cover the breadth of the apprenticeship. The employer (probably in conjunction with the training provider) will contact the Assessment Organisation and arrange for the independent assessment to take place.

The Assessment Organisation will provide a range of assessments (probably around 8-12 but which can be carried out by a competent individual in around 12 hours) a few days prior to the test taking place to give the provider time to set the test up.

The assessment can be carried out at the training provider centre and using the training provider assessors, however an independent technical specialist must observe every assessment and make recommendations of pass or fail to the Assessment Organisation.

Grading

The overall Apprenticeship will be graded Pass/Distinction, with this grade resulting from the outcomes of the knowledge and behaviours assessments. The practical skills assessment will be graded pass/fail.

Assessment Method	Area Assessed	Assessed by	Grading	Weighting
Online Test	Knowledge	Training Provider at Gateway 2	Fail / Pass / Distinction	10%



Online Test	Knowledge	Independent Assessment Organisation	Fail / Pass / Distinction	25%
Professional Discussion	Behaviours & Competence Logbook	Independent Assessment Organisation	Fail / Pass / Distinction	25%
Skills Test	Skills & Knowledge	Independent Assessment Organisation or Training Provider observed by Assessment Organisation	Fail / Pass	40%

Recognition of Prior Learning

Jaguar Landrover have also provided some additional guidance which is not published on the .gov website.

Apprentices that have previously completed a Framework 1 [SASE] Level 2 Apprenticeship will automatically be exempt from completing Gateways 1 and 2. However, they will still be required to complete the Logbook and Behaviours assessments.

Apprentices that have previously completed a Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles from any Awarding Organisation e.g. IMIAL 500/9818/4, will automatically be exempt from completing Gateway 1 Knowledge and Skills tests.

No other accreditations of prior learning will apply.

Assessor requirements

The Light vehicle trailblazer group are still in the process of agreeing the final requirements for assessors.

It is anticipated however, that the work based assessment will continue to be carried out by qualified assessors holding appropriate A and V units (or equivalent),

It is also expected that the assessors who carry out the practical end assessment will be required to hold an appropriate IMI Assessor Award.

Resit for the synoptic practical skills end test

Apprentices who fail at the end test will be able to undertake it again, however the training provider and employer will be expected to provide further training, and leave sufficient time between assessments.



There will be significant additional costs for resits hence the requirement for all other aspects of the assessment to be completed, and the employer to agree the Apprentice is ready, before entering Apprentices for the practical skills end test. .

Queries

There are still outstanding questions around some aspects of the delivery and assessment. These include:

- Assessor requirements for the different aspects (as mentioned previously)
- Resource requirements for the end assessment
- who will oversee and address issues or queries with the Apprenticeship Standard going forwards.
- The lack of a specific assessment strategy that give the details on:
 - the requirements around physical resources
 - assessor requirements.