



The food specialists

# End-point assessment

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How to help your apprentice succeed



# What is end-point assessment?

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End-point assessment (EPA) is the series of rigorous tests an apprentice takes at the end of their apprenticeship to prove they can do the job they have been training for.

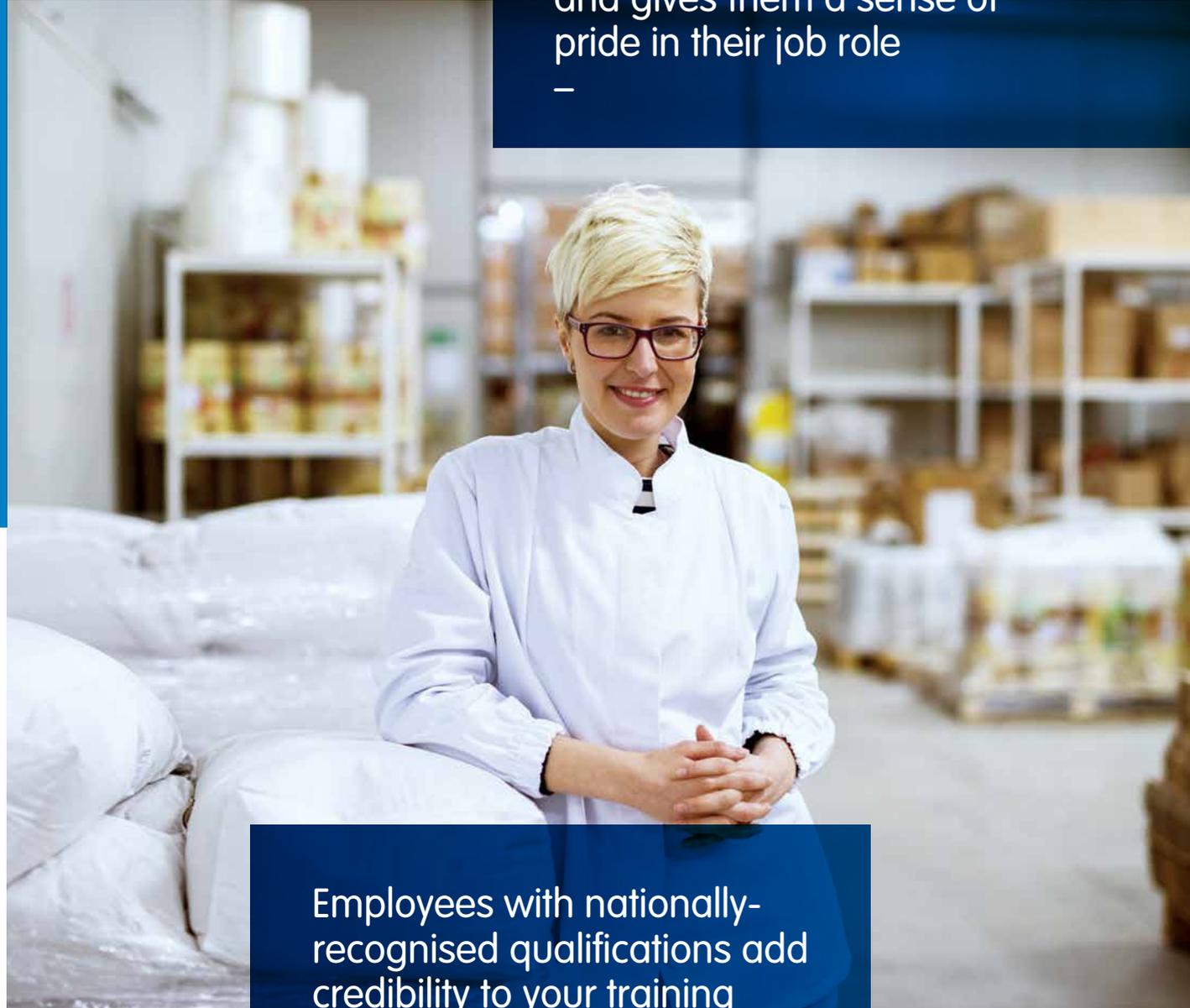
They are taken by apprentices only when you as their employer are satisfied that they are ready. This stage is called the "gateway". It usually involves a meeting with the training provider and apprentice to confirm that the apprentice has achieved all the mandatory elements of their apprenticeship. They also need to be well-practised in all required practical skills and have successfully completed any preparation materials. EPAs are graded as set out in the published assessment plan and the apprenticeship certificate is only awarded after EPA is successfully completed.

## Give your apprentice the best chance of success with the EPA 5 step plan

1. Agree learning needs with your provider and where responsibilities for learning lie
2. Have regular progress reviews with your apprentice and provider
3. Ensure your apprentice actively uses the support materials provided
4. Familiarise yourself with the EPA requirements and give your apprentice plenty of opportunities to practise
5. Check your apprentice has the correct equipment for EPA day

A well-planned EPA increases your apprentice's confidence and gives them a sense of pride in their job role

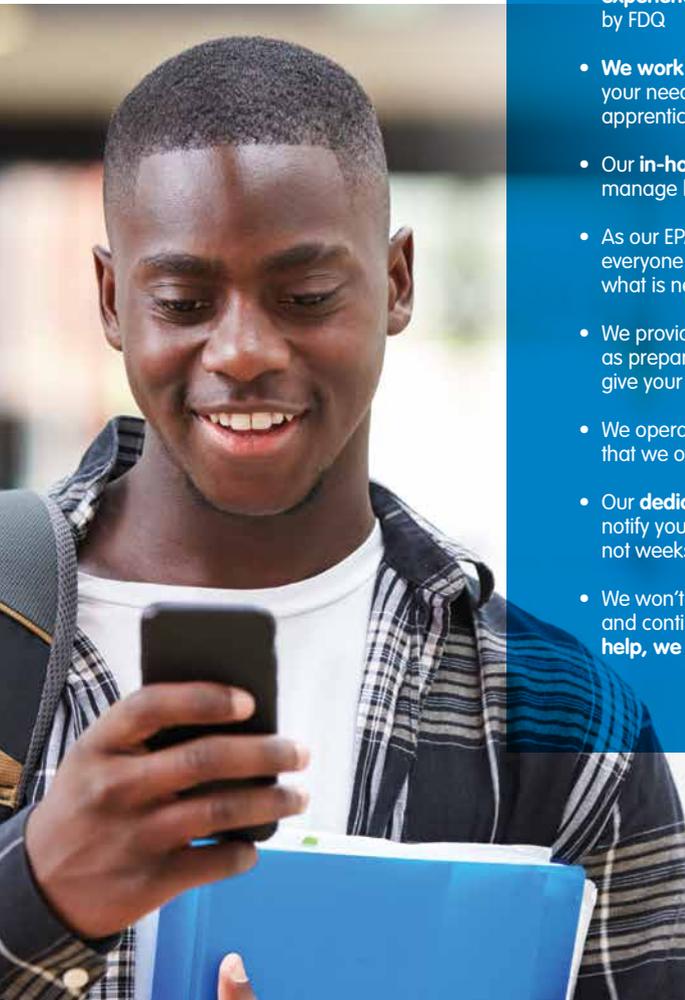
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Employees with nationally-recognised qualifications add credibility to your training

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## Why choose FDQ as your end-point assessment organisation (EPAO)?



- We're a **leading EPAO**, delivering end-point assessment for companies ranging from small independent businesses to large blue-chip corporations
- As **food specialists** we understand what's required and only provide EPA for occupations we have expertise in
- Our independent examiners are both **highly experienced** in their occupation and fully trained by FDQ
- We **work with you** to create an EPA that meets your needs as well as what is required by the apprenticeship standard
- Our **in-house IT expertise** means we can manage large EPA volumes
- As our EPA customer there's no nasty surprises; everyone involved knows what is expected and what is needed for your **apprentice to succeed**
- We provide **extensive support materials**, such as preparation guides and mock exams, to help give your apprentice the best chance of success
- We operate a fair fee policy, and are confident that we offer **value for money**
- Our **dedicated EPA team** where possible will notify you of your apprentices results within days, not weeks
- We won't rest on our laurels – we'll listen to you and continue improving our EPAs, until **with your help, we set the standard for the food industry**

Success at EPA provides assurance that your apprentice is 'work ready'

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Get in touch

To find out more about how our EPA services can help get your apprentices across the finish line call us on **0113 397 0395** or visit our website, **[www.fdq.org.uk](http://www.fdq.org.uk)**