



BIS criteria for development of Trailblazer Standards

- Apprenticeship standard must be short, concise, accessible documents. They must describe skills, knowledge and competency required for a specific occupation.
- Describe what full competence for a specific occupation means so that, on completion, an apprentice will have the skills, knowledge, behaviour and confidence to perform the role in any part of the sector.
- The new standard must be publicly recognised by employers (including SMEs).
- The new standard must be suitable for small businesses to use to train their apprentices, if necessary with external training.
- The standard must contain sufficient content and be pitched at such a level, that a new entrant to the occupation would find it stretching and require at least one year to meet the standard.
- The standard must specify the level of English and Maths achievements required, whether this is the minimum level required by Government for all apprenticeships or a level above this minimum set by the Trailblazer.
- The new standards may specify any mandatory qualifications to be achieved by all apprentices as a pre-requisite to taking the end-point assessment. (Skills test).