

# End-Point Assessment Operational Firefighter

Firefighters tackle a wide range of emergency situations which vary from firefighting, search and rescue to protecting people and animals. You will respond to incidents involving different transport methods. You will engage with the community to provide information, advice and guidance.

Firefighters work as part of a close-knit team of professionals that provides 24-hour response cover to resolve and rescue operational incidents, adopting multi-agency working principles with partners and other services. A Firefighter may work in any of the fire services across England, the Armed Forces, Civil Aviation or within small private sector fire services that may be incorporated in other organisations such as manufacturers and engineering.



Typical government funding band



Equivalent qualification level



Typical programme duration

## The Apprenticeship Journey

### On-Programme Training

The on-programme training is the learning phase for the apprentice to develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours set in the standard. During the on-programme training the apprentice will need to:

- Complete initial firefighting training
- Achieve Level 2 English and maths (if not already achieved)
- Collect evidence towards the portfolio.

### Gateway Requirements

- Achieved a Level 2 qualifications in English and maths
- Participated in training and development activities to meet the requirements of the standard
- Collated a mandatory portfolio of evidence that demonstrates the skills, technical knowledge and behaviours which have been developed over the duration of the on-programme training

The portfolio will contain the following evidence:

- Evidence of basic training
- Three reviews carried out by the employer and/or training provider
- Six observations of different training scenarios the Apprentice has performed
- At least one development record or appraisal.

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## End-Point Assessment methods

The Operational Firefighter EPA has 3 assessment methods which need to be conducted in order: completion of a knowledge test, a practical observation and a professional discussion.

SFJ Awards will ensure the appropriate allocation of the independent assessor (IA) is made and our internal quality assurance team will assure consistent quality of assessment.

### Knowledge Test

The 60 multiple knowledge test questions will describe detailed scenarios with four possible answers, only one of these will be correct. The test will last for 90 minutes.

### Practical Observation

The practical observation element will be carried out over a total of six hours. These are likely to be carried out as part of a cohort.

The practical assessment will be pre-planned and staged in simulated scenarios using Realistic Working Environments.

### Professional Discussion

Following the practical observation lasting between 40 and 50 minutes the structured professional discussion takes place between the Apprentice and the IA. The discussion is to confirm and validate work and to draw out how you would behave in specific scenarios - the on-programme portfolio can be used as reference.

## Our Offer

At SFJ Awards we pride ourselves on being customer focused, and this combined with our sector expertise and assessment experience, ensures that employers and training providers are fully supported through the End-Point Assessment process.

For each apprenticeship, standard materials will be available to all employers and training providers who have a contract with us to deliver End-Point Assessment. These include handbooks, guides, document templates, and where applicable, mock assessments and practice tests. Our online portal makes registering, tracking and booking assessments simple.

At SFJ Awards our ethos is to provide high quality service at a fair price.

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