

# End-Point Assessment Operational Firefighter v1.2

Firefighters tackle a wide range of emergency situations which vary from firefighting, search and rescue to protecting people and animals and will respond to incidents involving different transport methods as well as 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.

At SFJ awards we will work in partnership with you, understanding and meeting your needs, to provide a high quality and cost-effective End-Point Assessment Service.



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 knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs) of the occupational standard.
- undertake training towards English and mathematics Level 2, if required
- compile a portfolio of evidence.

### The Gateway

When the on-programme training is complete the apprentice will enter the Gateway and the employer will need to submit the following:

- Confirmation that the apprentice is working at or above the level of the occupational standard.
- Evidence to show that the apprentice has achieved a Level 2 qualification in English and maths.
- A portfolio of evidence to underpin the professional discussion only and is not directly assessed.

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## End-Point Assessment methods

The Operational Firefighter EPA has 3 assessment methods which can be carried out in any order. completion of a multi-choice test, a practical assessment with questioning 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 30 multiple knowledge test questions have four possible answers, only one of these will be correct. The test will last for 60 minutes and is available as an online test or paper based.

### Practical Assessment

The practical observation element will be carried out over a total of six hours in cohorts of 1:4. The practical assessment will be pre-planned and staged in simulated tasks using Realistic Working Environments. The apprentice will be asked two questions following each task.

### Professional Discussion

The Profession Discussion lasts for 60 minutes and is two-way conversation between the Apprentice and the Independent Assessor. It involves questions that focus on assessment of competence against the KSBs. Apprentices may refer to and illustrate their answers with evidence from their portfolio of evidence.

## Our Offer

At SFJ Awards we pride ourselves on being customer and apprentice focused. This approach, combined with our sector expertise and assessment experience, ensures that employers and training providers are fully supported throughout the End-Point Assessment process by a dedicated End-Point Assessment services team. Our offer includes:

- ✓ Ongoing guidance pre-EPA which includes unlimited support sessions for relevant staff delivered by SFJ Awards assessment and subject matter experts and including an onsite visit.
- ✓ Guidance materials, mock tests, practice tasks and document templates.
- ✓ Access to an e-portal which enables you to track your apprentices from registration to gateway and then certification.
- ✓ Full results and feedback for every apprentice irrespective of outcome.

Please see our pricing options for more details or contact us today.