

Early Years Practitioner

The broad purpose of the occupation is to work and interact directly with children on a day-to-day basis supporting the planning of and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes within the ethos of the provision. The role works as part of a professional team ensuring the welfare and care for children under the guidance and supervision of an Early Years Educator, teacher or other suitably qualified professional in the early years workforce.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with parents, children, colleagues and wider multi agency professionals and partners such as health visitors, social workers and speech and language therapists.

You can see more information about the apprenticeship standard at [Skills England](#).

Level

2

Duration

8

months minimum*

Assessment methods

1

Knowledge test

The knowledge test will cover a range of real-life scenarios for the apprentice to respond to, using iLearner's online multiple-choice test tool. Comprising of 40 questions.

2

Professional discussion

A 90 minute structured discussion between the apprentice and iCQ assessor. Questions and topics are drawn from iCQ question banks, as well as apprentice-specific questions and topics targeting elements of the portfolio of evidence.



Learning



Gateway



End-Point Assessment

The EPA Process



Gateway meeting:

training provider, employer and apprentice meet to determine if they are ready for their EPA, and submit any files as needed through the iLearner system.



Assessor meeting:

the employer and an iCQ Assessor meet to agree any evidence submitted by the apprentice and plan dates for assessments.



Learner preparation:

the employer and training provider make sure the learner is familiar with the iLearner tools and formats of their assessments.

End-Point Assessment is carried out by iCQ Assessor.

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| Cost | £600 (in person) £500 (remote) |
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With you every step of the way

iCQ support the complete apprenticeship journey for employers, training providers and learners through our innovative iLearner platform – making it easy and quick to record and track progress.



*Apprenticeship starts from 1st August 2025 are eligible for the 8-month minimum duration, starts before 1st August 2025 are subject to a 12-month minimum duration.