

CHARGING RATIONALE

Your EPAO is charged per standard based on the number of apprentices you have passing through Gateway. The charges are fixed for 12 months and will be reviewed and updated from 1st April 2020. Charges may stay the same, go up or go down and the variables that influence the calculation of price are:

- Standard Compliance & Readiness Check requirements
- Start data volumes
- Predicted completion rate, and
- Number of EPAOs offering EPA for the same standard

Note: The charging parameters are set by the Institute for Apprenticeships & Technical Education and are prescribed within our [Letter of Recognition](#).

PRICING 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020

The NSAR approach to EQA comprises three elements. A Standard Compliance & Readiness Check, Quality & Consistency in Assessment and EPAO Comparability. The EQA charges are as follows:

ACTIVE EPAO CHARGING (INCLUDING COMPLIANCE, QUALITY & CONSISTENCY IN ASSESSMENT AND EPAO COMPARABILITY)

	EQA (per completing apprentice)
Rail engineering advanced technician	£78
Rail engineering operative	£71
Rail engineering technician	£68
Train driver	£61

We offer a single pricing model for the standard that is considerate of the EPAOs approved to deliver it, the design of the assessment plan and the specific risk posed. We have reviewed the individual assurance requirements for each End-Point Assessment organisation, looked at the forecast completion numbers for the year and calculated a charge point that will enable a breakeven position to be achieved for the year.

STANDARD READINESS CHECK CHARGES FOR EPAOs NOT OFFERING EPA, AS YET

EPAOs offering EPA and actively assessing apprentices have the EQA compliance charges included in the general charging arrangements. EPAOs on the Register for End-Point Assessment Organisations **currently not actively assessing apprentices** have to undergo readiness checking and the charging methodology below applies.

	EQA (Per in-scope standard offered)
Standard Readiness Check	£650
Additional Assurance Visits	£325/day

At the point that the EPAO state that they are ready, NSAR will undertake a full readiness assessment of the EPAO for the standard in question. We anticipate in most instances that the Standard Readiness Check will be completed without the need for additional assurance visits, however, where an EPAO is identified as being high risk and/or still has significant work to do to meet the readiness standard we may need to undertake further interventions and additional visits which will be chargeable at a rate detailed above.