

Groundworker Level 2

Construction Level 2 Apprenticeship Standard



Groundworkers are the first trade onto a construction and civil engineering site and they work closely with supervisors and engineers in interpreting design specifications to prepare the site ready for the structural building works to take place. They continue their work throughout the construction phase, working with all on-site construction trades, such as bricklayers and plant operatives, up to and including the final completion activities of the project.

To be eligible - you must:

- Be aged 16 years or older
- Have been resident in the UK/EU for at least three years prior to commencing your apprenticeship
- Be employed in England and have a Contract of Employment
- Work for at least 30 hours per week
- Not currently enrolled onto any other apprenticeship, or another DfE funded FE/HE programme
- Meet a minimum level of English and Maths skills in order to undertake this course

Training is arranged to suit you

The Groundworker Apprenticeship includes a 20% off-the-job training requirement.

Training takes on average 18 months to complete, however this can be shorter dependent upon whether the employee has any recognition of prior learning (RPL) or unit/credit exemptions. We will discuss this with your staff at enrolment.

Assessment Practice

Regular evaluation sessions with managers and trainers will allow apprentices to practice end assessment activities such as practical observations, Q&A sessions, reviewing the apprentice's portfolio of evidence and a series of professional discussions. To prepare for a final end point assessment apprentices will be asked to complete a number of activities in-between visits to build confidence and competence in the knowledge, skills and behaviours areas.

End Point Assessment

Apprentices access End Point Assessment following a gateway discussion with their employer and trainer where entry requirements are discussed, checked and recorded including functional skills at the required level. The End Point Assessment will include the following types of assessment:

- Knowledge Test
- Skills Test
- Professional Discussion

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Programme Structure

The apprenticeship is made up of the following components:

- Level 2 Groundworker Apprenticeship Standard
- Functional Skills English and Maths (Level 1)
- Functional Skills English and Maths (Level 2) must be attempted before completion of the apprenticeship although this does not have to be achieved to complete the apprenticeship.

Training Covers

- The principles of health, safety, welfare and environmentally responsible work practices and how they must be applied in relation to the work, self and to others including understanding the principles of risk assessments
- Basic awareness of environmental and health hazards e.G. Japanese knotweed, asbestos. How to identify contaminated ground conditions and the procedures for working safely on it.
- Basic principles of building information modelling (bim), drawings, method statements, manufacturers' information, work schedules and specifications
- Technology including key factors and systems of work appropriate to different work environments and industry sectors (e.G. Civil engineering, private residential, commercial)
- The differences between modern and traditional construction methods and the physical and environmental factors when undertaking construction work and their potential impacts
- The techniques to handle and move loads manually and with mechanical aids including guiding the movement of articulated vehicles, plant and machinery using hand signals, hand signalling equipment and verbal/electronic communication equipment and storing resources safely and securely
- Why, when and how health and safety control equipment should be used when undertaking groundworks (e.g. personal protective equipment (ppe))
- The principles and methods of working within confined space work
- Erecting and dismantling access/working platforms
- Establishing work area protection
- Locating and excavating to expose buried utility services
- Providing temporary works including excavation support
- The basic principles of internal/external drainage and ducting systems
- Measuring, marking, cutting and installing geo membranes to stabilise soil
- Gauging, mixing, placing, compacting and finishing mortars and concrete by hand and by mixer
- Reinstating excavations and ground surface finishes including installing street ironworks