



Skills England

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DRAFT APPRENTICESHIP ASSESSMENT PLAN FOR THE MATTRESS MANUFACTURING OPERATIVE APPRENTICESHIP

ST0981/V2

APPRENTICESHIP REFERENCE NUMBER	LEVEL OF THIS APPRENTICESHIP	INTEGRATION
ST0981	2	None

Assessment Plan

Assessment details

Introduction

This apprenticeship assessment plan (AAP) sets out the requirements for the assessment of the level 2 mattress manufacturing operative apprenticeship. It should be read in conjunction with the Requirements for Apprenticeship Assessment. Where there is conflict between this AAP and the Requirements for Apprenticeship Assessment, this AAP takes precedence. Assessment organisations must also comply with the relevant regulatory framework for apprenticeship assessment.

It is important that the assessment of apprentices is proportionate, valid, and provides reliable evidence of an apprentice's attainment of the relevant knowledge and skills. As such, assessment organisations must design assessments to ensure:

- employers have confidence that the apprentice has reached the expected performance standard
- apprentices are sufficiently secure in their knowledge and skills, so that they could demonstrate their competence in different contexts, for example, a different workplace.

Assessment Outcomes

The assessment outcomes group and summarise the knowledge and skills that must be demonstrated in assessments.

Table 1: Assessment outcomes

Table 1 sets out the assessment outcomes and the mapped knowledge and skill statements. All assessment outcomes must be assessed. Knowledge and skills statements listed in the mandatory statements column must be assessed in every version of the assessment that is made available.

Knowledge and skills statements that offer opportunities to develop functional English and maths are identified with an asterisk.

Assessment Outcome	Mapped statements	Mandatory statements
AO1: Work planning and production preparation Applies job specifications, technical information and production requirements to plan mattress manufacturing activities. Organises resources, selects materials, prepares work areas, and measures and marks out materials to support manufacturing operations.	K2*, K3*, K7, K15, K16* S1*, S2*, S3, S10, S11*	S1, S2, S11
AO2: Safe, sustainable and compliant working practices Applies safe systems of work, organisational procedures, health and safety requirements, and environmental responsibilities throughout mattress manufacturing activities. Uses workplace controls, manages risks, and supports sustainable working practices while contributing to an inclusive working environment.	K1, K4, K5, K6, K8, K26 S4, S5, S6, S7, S21, S22,	K1 S4, S5, S6, S21
AO3: Tools, equipment and machinery operations Selects, prepares, maintains, sets up and operates tools, equipment and machinery used in mattress manufacturing activities. Carries out routine checks and first-line maintenance to support effective and reliable production processes.	K9, K10, K11, K12, K13*, K14* S8, S9, S12*, S13*	S12, S13
AO4: Mattress manufacturing and finishing operations Carries out mattress manufacturing activities using materials, fillings, assembly methods and finishing techniques. Produces, rectifies, reworks, handles and prepares mattresses for storage or dispatch in support of production requirements.	K17*, K18*, K19, K20, K21 S14*, S15, S17	K19, K21 S14, S15
AO5: Quality, communication and continuous improvement	K22, K23, K24, K25*, K27*, K28*, K29*	S16, S19

Applies quality assurance processes, records manufacturing information, communicates effectively with others, and works collaboratively to support production objectives. Uses digital systems, escalates issues, supports continuous improvement activities, and undertakes learning and development activities.

S16, S18*, S19,
S20*, S23*, S24*,
S25, S26*

Assessment requirements

Assessment organisations must set apprenticeship assessments. Assessment organisations should consider how technology and digital tools can support innovation and efficiency.

Assessment organisations must design apprenticeship assessments to include at least one **observation**.

Any additional assessment, or assessments, must be selected from the following list of methods, to ensure the assessment outcomes are met in full. Methods may be used more than once:

- **questions and answers**
- **interview**
- **professional discussion**
- **additional observation**
- **portfolio**

Assessment organisations must have due regard to any relevant [frameworks, standards, guidance or other documents] that may be published by [industry regulators, professional bodies, and other representative groups].

Apprentices may be assessed at any appropriate point during their apprenticeship programme. Assessments may be designed to allow a centre or training provider to mark assessments. The assessment organisation is responsible for ensuring all assessments are sufficiently reliable and valid, and for the accuracy of any centre or training provider marking.

Performance descriptors

Performance descriptors describe the level of performance required to achieve a pass or distinction grade.

Table 2: performance descriptors

Table 2 sets out the performance descriptor categories and descriptors for pass and distinction. Assessment organisations must design assessments that align with these descriptions.

Performance Category	Pass	Distinction
Applied Knowledge	Applies knowledge, facts, procedures and ideas of mattress manufacturing, appropriately in a significant range of varied work activities and contexts, some of which are complex or non-routine.	Applies knowledge, facts, procedures and ideas of mattress manufacturing, with consistently high accuracy, insights or efficiency in a significant range of varied work activities and contexts, some of which are complex or non-routine.
Applied Skills	Selects and applies practical mattress manufacturing skills consistently in a significant range of varied work activities and contexts, some of which are complex or non-routine. Solves straight-forward, well-defined mattress manufacturing problems, to an acceptable standard.	Integrates practical mattress manufacturing skills with precision in a significant range of varied work activities and contexts, some of which are complex or non-routine. Solves straight-forward, well-defined mattress manufacturing problems, that add value.
Regulatory and Procedural Awareness	Gathers and interprets health and safety, environmental, and workplace procedures and guidance relevant to mattress manufacturing, with minimal noncritical errors, although depth of insight or adaptability may be limited.	Applies interpretation of health and safety, environmental, and workplace procedures and guidance relevant to mattress manufacturing, with minimal noncritical errors and with reasonable depth of insight or adaptability.
Communication and Collaboration	Communicates and collaborates effectively within a team or group setting,	Communicates with clarity and sensitivity, within a team or group setting,

	delivering reliable service delivery.	delivering a courteous service delivery.
Information Use and Decision Making	Gathers and interprets mattress manufacturing information relevant to the role, informing decisions and actions that are fit for purpose in the work context.	Applies interpretation of mattress manufacturing information and feedback relevant to the role, shaping actions that add value.
Responsibility and Autonomy	Takes responsibility for completing mattress manufacturing tasks and procedures. Exercises autonomy and judgement subject to overall direction or guidance. May collaborate with others perhaps through a work group or team.	Exercises informed judgement and self-direction when taking responsibility for completing mattress manufacturing tasks and procedures anticipating the needs of the task or team.

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