

Technical Expert Policy for Laboratory Scientist L6 Standard (ST0626)

In order to take part in end point assessment, Technical Experts must first be approved by SIAS.

The rules regarding who can act as a Technical Expert are set out in the published Assessment Plan.

Technical Expert criteria

There are three types of end assessment activity covered by the L6 Technical Expert:

- Signing off the competence evaluation log.
- Signing off the work place synoptic project and plan
- Supporting the assessment of an apprentice's performance in the workplace synoptic project presentation.

Anyone responsible for these activities must be on a register held by SIAS. The register must confirm the evidence that the Technical Expert meets the required criteria.

Technical Expert Criteria
✓ Vocationally competent with recent continuing professional development and/or Professionally registered
Plus
✓ experience of current working practices
Plus
✓ Assessment organisation induction

Technical experts must be competent in the occupation that is being assessed. This is shown through the individual having at least 5 years recent work experience in the occupational area and having achieved a qualification at a level equivalent to or higher than the level of the apprenticeship standard being assessed; or by holding professional recognition at a level equivalent to or higher than the registration level of the apprenticeship standard being assessed.

Technical Experts must be either working in the appropriate sector itself or they must be able to demonstrate they possess practical and up-to-date knowledge and experience of current working practices, appropriate to the sector in which they are carrying out assessment practice. There may be a requirement to hold additional specialist training or security clearance as required by the industry sector e.g. nuclear.



Technical Experts must complete the SIAS Induction to demonstrate working knowledge of the apprenticeship standard and assessment methodology. Technical Experts must submit an application to SIAS with evidence of experience, qualifications and recent CPD. Once approved as meeting the criteria SIAS will arrange the induction. This will generally be through a one hour telephone or Skype call but may occur at the Technical Expert's workplace. Once inducted the Technical Expert will be the main point of contact with whom SIAS will arrange the assessment day.

Registration

In order to become a Technical Expert, evidence must be presented to SIAS which shows that the individual is capable of making relevant judgements about a learner's vocational competence. All Technical Experts must undergo a SIAS induction and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Apprenticeship Standard.

SIAS will hold on file a copy of the following for all Technical Expert:

- Evidence of vocational competence
- Relevant qualifications (if applicable)
- Professional Registration (if applicable)
- Evidence of CPD
- Application form with current contact detail
- Signed induction record

Technical Experts must agree to support the presentation and discussion in accordance with SIAS protocols to ensure an impartial judgement is achieved. Membership of this register will be reviewed every two years to ensure that the Technical Expert has kept up to date with industry practice and knowledge.

All personal details will be kept in a secure storage system and SIAS will adhere to the Data Protection Act 1998/ GDPR at all times.

As part of the induction process Technical Experts will be provided with the necessary information and documentation needed to carry out the role.

For information on how to become a Technical Assessor please contact SIAS

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