
EPA Bulletin No: 15. Revision of Associate Project Manager Standard (APM). V1.4 to V1.5

During our regular checks of the Skills England website, we have noticed that a new version (1.5) of the APM Assessment Plan has been released. **This new version 1.5 is applicable to any apprentice who starts from 27/11/25.**

Based on a comparison of the End-Point Assessment (EPA) plans for the Associate Project Manager apprenticeship, the only differences between **Version 1.5** and **Version 1.4** are localised within the grading descriptors for the professional discussion.

The overall apprenticeship structure—including the **18-month** typical duration, the £7,000 maximum funding, and the two assessment methods remains identical between the two versions.

Key Grading Differences

The specific changes in Version 1.5 are restricted to the Research, analysis, and evaluation theme within Assessment Method 2 (Professional Discussion)

Feature	Version 1.4 (Previous)	Version 1.5 (Current)
Pass Descriptor (K20, S8)	Describes principles of Earned Value Management (EVM), the interpretation of EVM information, and how this is used to monitor and analyse budgets.	Focuses on describing the principles of EVM and how they monitor and analyse budgets (removes explicit mention of "interpretation of EVM information").
Distinction Descriptor (K20, S8)	Evaluates the principles of EVM used and the recommendations made on how this is used to monitor and analyse budgets.	Evaluates the principles applied in monitoring and analysing project budgets and the recommendations used for improving budget oversight.

The link to the revised Assessment Plan is available [here](#).

CMI Operational Delivery

We are planning to be able to accept registrations for the new APM version 1.5 via our new platform, CMI Partner Connect. We will also now be working on adding version 1.5 to CMI Assess. Until we are able to make this technical change, please be aware that any apprentices registered via CMI Partner Connect may not immediately be visible in CMI Assess, but we will ensure that any registrations for version 1.5 are transferred to CMI Assess as soon as the new build is live.

If you have any urgent registration requirements or any questions, please contact epa@managers.org.uk.