

# Environmental Health Practitioner Apprenticeship

## L6

Environmental Health Practitioners are highly trained and experienced members of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. The new apprenticeship undergraduate degree has been developed to cater for a more diverse entry route which allows the apprentice to complete the first stage towards their chartership.

Protection of public health is the key principle underpinning the work of Environmental Health Practitioners (EHP) whether that is investigating a food poisoning outbreak or accident at work, through to noise problems, housing issues and contamination of the environment.

Through the Degree Apprenticeship programme, you will develop the skills and an appreciation to address a wide range of issues and to lead and work with others in the delivery of successful projects. You will be supported by your employer and a tutor and skills coach on the programme. Course content includes elements of work-based learning, field work, project control and on-site decision making, management and liaison with clients, the public and business operators.



## Job roles/occupation

The Apprenticeship offers one of the pathways which lead to chartered status as a Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner. Chartership can be gained following the completion of the apprenticeship and after two years experience post-graduation. On completion of the Apprenticeship, as an EHP you will act on behalf of the public or business operators to provide professional services in the pathway area chosen. The CIEH Professional Standards define what is expected of environmental health professionals: who improve and protect people's health, safety and wellbeing by securing safer, cleaner and healthier environments (or aspire to do so).

The Standards facilitate professional development, learning and progression and ultimately uphold and improve standards within environmental health for public protection. As an approved partner, we have integrated the skills and knowledge set out by CIEH within all our modules to include critical thinking, technical expertise, leadership, collaboration and organisational awareness.

## Benefits

The course will:

- develop multidisciplinary knowledge and understanding of the vital and complex areas of environmental health
- provide practically-based experiences to develop the personal and professional knowledge and skills to allow graduates to become Environmental Health Practitioners.

This is a practice-based course with the integration of practical case studies, visits and real-life examples throughout the course to allow you to develop the ability to make informed decisions, within the legislative framework to protect health and promote wellbeing.



source:  
CIEH, 2020

## Skills and Knowledge

In addition to the skills mentioned, we strive to inculcate professional skills within the five key areas of Environmental Health as shown in the diagram (source: CIEH, 2020).

## How it works

The Environmental Health Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship has been designed and developed in collaboration with employers and professional bodies; to access it, you will need to be currently employed within the Environmental Health public or private sector. The typical duration for this degree apprenticeship is four years and requires one day of attendance per week (for 24 weeks a year with typically 2 one-week modules over the summer period) and studying other days through a work-based learning mode.

The course requires you to complete all modules in order to achieve a successful completion. All modules have to be completed in order to successfully complete the Apprenticeship.

## Qualifications

The Degree will incorporate vocational and academic elements. You will achieve a BSc (Hons) Environmental Health degree.

## Entry requirements

The entry requirement for the Apprenticeship will typically be a minimum of three A-levels at grade C or higher (or their equivalent) or a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Environmental Health discipline. The final decision on entry requirements is that of your employer. Also, Apprentices without level 2 English and Maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking the end-point assessment.

## Fees and Funding

### For employers with a payroll below £3 million:

The Government will pay 95% of the cost of the apprenticeship training and assessment for apprentices of any age, for employers who will not be paying the Apprenticeship Levy. You may also be eligible for extra employer incentives.

### For employers with a payroll above £3 million:

Since May 2017 employers are able to use their Apprenticeship Levy contributions towards the cost of the apprenticeship using their digital account. We will agree a payment schedule and discuss funding availability before you start your apprenticeships and ensure the cost to your business is clear upfront.

Register your interest today!

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