

Welcome to the EPA Focus

Scope

EPA Focus will **highlight an apprenticeship standard** with a **particular focus** on an **End Point Assessment** type

Objective

To **provide clarity** around the **language of assessment** and **best practice** based on Marshall Assessment's **extensive experience** in the **STEM assessment** space



Apprenticeship Standard: Level 6 Laboratory Scientist

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Assessment Type: Vocational Competence Discussion (VCD)

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Assessment Method

Duration: 2 hours 15 mins

Topics: 8 Topics will be discussed

The apprentice is asked an opening question & then **takes the lead on the discussion**

The apprentice needs to talk for around **15 minutes on each topic** to maximise their time

The assessor will pick up on '**golden nuggets**' (areas of high relevance often aligned to the distinction criteria) & prompt the learner to allow them to offer more.

A micro focus on: VCD Assessment Element 6

Meeting targets

‘Can explain how complying with defined company procedures & legislative requirements impacts on setting & meeting targets. Supports explanation with example from own practice’

Planning to satisfy this element

What scientific legislation/procedures are in place at the laboratory?

What have your apprentices prepared as examples in the QUALITY and REGULATIONS section?

The apprentice can lead this from here - how does this impact the work in the laboratory?