

APPRENTICESHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS of QA Limited (company number 02413137) with registered offices at International House First Floor, 1 St Katharine's Way, London, E1W 1UN. These Apprenticeship Terms and Conditions ("Terms") are effective from 1 May 2026. These Terms shall incorporate the QA General Terms of Sale available at <https://www.qa.com/legal-privacy/> (the "General Terms").

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1. Definitions in the General Terms shall apply to these terms and the following additional definitions shall have the following meanings:

Academic Year: the relevant academic year of the Supplier running for twelve months;

APAR: the Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register which is a record of organisations that are eligible to receive government funding to train Apprentices or any register;

Apprentice: employees of the Customer who are on an Apprenticeship or undertaking an Apprenticeship Unit (as applicable) and are named on the APC or ASA;

Apprenticeship: the placement of an Apprentice by the Customer with the Supplier subject to these Terms (including the placement of an Apprentice to undertake an Apprenticeship Unit);

Apprenticeship Agreement: an apprenticeship agreement is between the Customer and the Apprentice, in accordance with section A1 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009;

Apprenticeship Assessment: the process of evaluating whether an individual seeking to complete an Apprenticeship has attained the outcomes set out in the standard for occupation;

Apprenticeship Assessment Organisation: the organisation selected by the Supplier (or the Customer were agreed between the Parties) with responsibility for carrying out an Apprenticeship Assessment;

Apprenticeship Contract: the terms and conditions of employment between the Customer and the Apprentice (for the avoidance of doubt, the Training Plan and the Apprenticeship Contract must be separate documents);

Apprenticeship Period: the period set out in the APC or ASA for each Apprentice, which shall last a minimum of 8 months or between 1 and 16 weeks for an Apprenticeship Unit (unless it is required to be longer or permitted to be shorter in accordance with the Funding Rules or the Apprenticeship is terminated in accordance with the Contract);

Apprenticeship Programme: the programme of training and learning undertaken by the Apprentice as provided by the Supplier during the Apprenticeship pursuant to these Terms;

Apprenticeship Programme Confirmation Statement ("APC") or

Apprenticeship Service Agreement ("ASA"): the document to be entered into by the Supplier and Customer providing details of the Apprenticeship including the applicable Apprentice(s);

Apprenticeship Start Date: the date being the first day of learning carried out by the Supplier with the Apprentice;

Assessment Requirements: the requirements set out in the approved and published assessment plan for the relevant standard or Apprenticeship Unit (as applicable);

Apprenticeship Unit: as defined in the Funding Rules;

Block Release: as defined in the Funding Rules;

DfE: the Secretary of State for Education acting through the Department for Education, or any other government agency which replaces the Department for Education, or which assumes the responsibilities of the Department for Education in relation to training or Apprenticeships, from time to time (including the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions acting through the Department for Work and Pensions where relevant);

Front Loaded: as defined in the Funding Rules;

Funding Rules: the funding rules for the delivery of Apprenticeships as may be amended from time to time and any other relevant procedures, rules and requirements from time to time laid down by the DfE or any other relevant funder of the Supplier including through any guidance notes;

Gateway: has the meaning given to it in the Funding Rules;

ILR: the individualised learner record which contains data collected by the Supplier for the purposes of enabling the government to monitor policy implementation, the performance of the sector and to allocate funding;

Practical Period: as defined in the Funding Rules;

Safeguarding Legislation: the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, the Children's Act 1989, Protection of Children Act 1999, the Education Act 2002, and all other legislation on the protection of children or vulnerable adults;

Supplier Related Party: any employee, officer, consultant, agent or any other person whatsoever acting for or on behalf of the Supplier or otherwise under the Supplier's control and direction (including but not limited to subcontractors);

Training Period: the number of days between the Apprenticeship Start Date and the Practical Period end date;

Training Plan: a document entered into between the Apprentice, the Supplier and the Customer which meets the requirements relating to such documents under the Funding Rules;

Withdrawal: when an Apprentice leaves or stops taking part in their Apprenticeship before they have completed it, which is the last evidence of on-programme participation with the Supplier; and

Withdrawal Date: the date of last evidence of off-the-job/delivery hours or the failed Apprenticeship Assessment date by the Apprentice with the Supplier as determined by the Supplier (acting reasonably).

2. JOINT OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

2.1. The Parties shall deliver their respective obligations to each other and to the Apprentice in accordance with the Funding Rules.

2.2. The Parties shall adhere to all applicable Assessment Requirements.

2.3. The Parties shall enter into an APC or ASA for each Apprentice or cohort of Apprentices before the commencement of that Apprenticeship and before any training is delivered.

2.4. The Parties shall promptly inform each other in writing, and the Supplier shall inform the DfE in writing, about any circumstances (for example where the Supplier and a proposed subcontractor have common directors) which might give rise to an actual or perceived conflict of interest. The Parties shall not proceed with any Apprenticeships connected to the conflict without the DfE's permission in writing in these circumstances.

2.5. The Supplier will undertake an initial assessment and discuss this with both the Apprentice and the Customer (in either a face to face or virtual meeting or where this is not possible by documenting the outcome of the initial assessment via email or in the Training Plan) in order to:

2.5.1. where required under the Funding Rules, gauge the Apprentice's level of numeracy and literacy (including whether the Apprentice will study towards a standalone English and/or maths qualification as part of the Apprenticeship Programme (where relevant)) and such other initial assessments as required under the Funding Rules;

2.5.2. conduct an initial skills assessment which will provide indicative levels of competency related to the Apprenticeship the Apprentice is undertaking;

2.5.3. agree and recognise any prior learning of the Apprentice;

2.5.4. agree the roles and responsibilities of each of the Customer, the Supplier and the Apprentice in achieving the Apprenticeship;

2.5.5. agree the price of the Apprenticeship so that it is clear what the Customer will contribute to the overall costs;

2.5.6. determine that the Apprentice requires significant new knowledge, skills and behaviours in order to be occupationally competent in their relevant job role;

2.5.7. where relevant, assess any learning difficulties and/or disabilities of the Apprentice; and

2.5.8. assess the eligibility of the Apprentice to receive funding, and the Customer must agree with the information provided by the Supplier as part of the initial assessment either by confirming this in writing to the Supplier or by signing the Training Plan (see below).

2.6. The Supplier will be responsible for developing and agreeing a Training Plan with input from both the Apprentice and the Customer. The Parties shall collaborate to produce an individualised learning plan for each Apprentice which is part of the Training Plan.

2.7. The Parties shall ensure that each Apprentice, the Customer and the Supplier sign and hold a copy of a Training Plan setting out how they will support the successful achievement of the Apprenticeship.

2.8. The Training Plan must ideally be agreed before any training is delivered but must be signed by the Apprentice, the Customer and the Supplier no later than the end of the 42 day 'qualifying period' in accordance with the Funding Rules or in respect of Apprenticeship Units prior to the Supplier claiming its first milestone payment in accordance with the Funding Rules. All three parties must keep a current signed and dated version on record.

2.9. The Training Plan must:

2.9.1. set out the planned content and schedule for training (including identifying which elements are off-the-job/delivery hours and count towards the off-the-job/delivery hours minimum requirement set out in the relevant Apprenticeship standard as referenced in the Funding Rules (as updated from time to time);

2.9.2. where required under the Funding Rules, and when it is known to the parties, include the Apprenticeship Assessment Organisation or this must be entered no later than 6 months before the learning planned end date; and

- 2.9.3. also set out what is expected and offered by the Customer, the Supplier (and any subcontractors) and the Apprentice in achieving the Apprenticeship.
- 2.10. The Training Plan is intended to provide a short summary, typically no longer than two to three pages, and should include the following as a minimum:
- 2.10.1. the name of the Apprentice, their job role and their normal paid hours excluding overtime;
 - 2.10.2. details of the Customer, Supplier (and any subcontractors involved in the delivery of training), and (where applicable) the Apprenticeship Assessment Organisation (if known);
 - 2.10.3. details of the Apprenticeship, including the name of the apprenticeship standard or Apprenticeship Unit, the level, the start and end-dates for the Apprenticeship and the dates relating to the practical period of training. The start date set out in the Training Plan must align with the start date in the Apprenticeship Agreement and the ILR;
 - 2.10.4. the volume of off-the-job/delivery hours that will be delivered. This must at least meet the minimum policy requirement of the DfE as set out in the relevant Apprenticeship standard or Apprenticeship Unit. The results of the Apprentice's initial assessment, including recognition of prior learning:
 - 2.10.4.1. must be taken into account before developing the Training Plan; or
 - 2.10.4.2. for Apprenticeship Units, be considered in relation to eligibility of an Apprentice for funding in accordance with the Funding Rules.
 - 2.10.5. a brief description of the delivery model to be used, for example Front Loaded or Block Release;
 - 2.10.6. the planned content/units of delivery;
 - 2.10.7. for Apprenticeships without a mandatory qualification this must be a description of the activities that the Apprentice will undertake to develop occupational competency;
 - 2.10.8. for Apprenticeships with a mandatory qualification this must be, as a minimum, a list of the units, along with a description of any additional activities that the Apprentice will undertake to develop occupational competency;
 - 2.10.9. details of when content will be delivered. For longer Apprenticeships (i.e. 12 months +) these details may not yet be finalised, and the Training Plan may initially only detail the first year; in these circumstances the Training Plan must be updated as the information becomes available. This equally applies where an Apprentice may have optional aspects available to them at a later point in the Apprenticeship;
 - 2.10.10. where required under the Funding Rules, details of the party responsible for each component's delivery; this may include the Supplier, a sub-contractor or the Customer. Where this party is accessing apprenticeship funding for the delivery, they must be on the Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register (unless an exemption in the Funding Rules applies including where a sub-contractor is delivering less than £100,000 of apprenticeship training and on-programme assessment under contract across all providers between 1 August and 31 July in each year);
 - 2.10.11. it must be clear if the training has been included in the planned off-the-job/delivery hours;
 - 2.10.12. an agreement of what is required from, and offered by, the Apprentice and the Parties (and any delivery subcontractors (where applicable)) to achieve the Apprenticeship and details of how all parties will work together. This must include:
 - 2.10.12.1. contact details of each party;
 - 2.10.12.2. written confirmation from the Customer that the Apprentice will be allowed to undertake off-the-job/delivery hours within their normal working hours, in addition to English and maths training if required;
 - 2.10.12.3. where required under the Funding Rules, summary details of tripartite progress reviews (Supplier, Customer, Apprentice), including the frequency and format, to discuss progress to date against the Training Plan and the immediate next steps required;
 - 2.10.12.4. the process for resolving any queries or complaints regarding the Apprenticeship, including quality. This must include details of the escalation route within Supplier's own organisation and the escalation process to Apprenticeship Service Support on 08000 150 600 or by email to helpdesk@manage-apprenticeships.service.gov.uk; and
 - 2.10.13. for Apprenticeship Units, details of the assessment and provisions that allow the Customer, Supplier and Apprentice to sign off that the Training Plan has been delivered and the assessment passed by the Apprentice.
- 2.11. Each Party shall ensure that any of its personnel whether with or without a contract of employment, including agency, volunteer or contract workers who will come into contact with the Apprentice, has any necessary qualifications and/or checks, and is not barred from employment as in their role and is bound to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information.
- 2.12. Apprentices enrolled through the Supplier by the Customer cannot be enrolled elsewhere on any other Government funded programme or Government funded student loan with another provider.
 - 2.13. Neither the Customer nor the Supplier will ask the Apprentice to financially contribute to the eligible costs of the Apprenticeship either during employment or after leaving employment.
 - 2.14. The Parties agree that to the extent of any conflict or inconsistency between the Contract (including these Terms) and the Funding Rules, the Funding Rules shall prevail.
 - 2.15. The Parties shall notify each other if they identify any actual or potential conflict of interest between them during the duration of the Contract.
- 3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SUPPLIER**
- 3.1. The Supplier shall be listed on the APAR or any successive register. The Supplier shall remain eligible for funding from the DfE and/or holding a funding agreement with the DfE throughout the Apprenticeship Period.
 - 3.2. The Supplier shall provide relevant training and course materials to the Apprentice in respect of the Apprenticeship.
- 4. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER**
- 4.1. Unless the Apprentice is undertaking an Apprenticeship Unit, the Customer shall enter into an Apprenticeship Agreement with the Apprentice in a form which complies with all applicable Funding Rules.
 - 4.2. The Apprenticeship Agreement (where applicable) shall remain in place throughout the entire Apprenticeship Period. Where an Apprenticeship is extended, the Apprenticeship Agreement must also be extended. Where applicable, the Customer shall provide evidence that they have an Apprenticeship Agreement for each Apprentice to the Supplier and the Customer shall not amend that Apprenticeship Agreement without the consent of the Supplier, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. The Supplier may provide a template Apprenticeship Agreement for the Customer to utilise at its option.
 - 4.3. The Customer shall pay the Apprentice's wages, which shall be at least the minimum wage to which the Apprentice is entitled by law.
 - 4.4. The Customer shall ensure that the Apprentice is on the PAYE scheme declared in the apprenticeship service account.
 - 4.5. The Customer shall ensure that the Apprentice undertakes work which is relevant to the Apprentice's studies and spends a large proportion of their apprenticeship developing the skills of their job, relevant to the attainment of a recognised qualification and in furtherance of the delivery of the Apprenticeship. The Customer shall ensure that the Apprentice's job has a productive purpose and provides the Apprentice with the opportunity to embed and consolidate the knowledge, skills and behaviours gained through the Apprenticeship.
 - 4.6. The Customer shall be responsible for all disciplinary issues relating to the employment of the Apprentice. The Customer shall inform the Supplier promptly if it has cause to believe that there may be any disciplinary issues relating to the employment of the Apprentice which may have an impact on the Apprenticeship.
 - 4.7. The Customer shall provide the Apprentice with paid time off from their employment to attend off-the-job/delivery hours (as a minimum to meet the requirements of the Funding Rules and which for clarity includes revision but excludes examination and other testing time), including (where applicable) additional support for English and maths, or support access for learning difficulties and/or disabilities.
 - 4.8. Where off-the-job/delivery hours is done outside the Apprentice's normal hours of employment then this must be agreed with the Apprentice and the Apprentice must be compensated, for example time in lieu or paid overtime for these hours.
 - 4.9. The Customer acknowledges that the Apprentice must complete the Apprenticeship within their working hours. Time spent by the Apprentice at the Supplier will be deemed to form part of the Apprentice's working hours. Where required under the Funding Rules, at least some active learning (off-the-job/delivery hours training or English and Maths training) must take place in every calendar month of the practical period of the Apprenticeship. This is unless the delivery model is Front Loaded or Block Release in which case some active learning must take place every 3 calendar months.
 - 4.10. The Customer shall facilitate the Apprentice to perform the Apprentice's obligations in the Training Plan.
 - 4.11. The Customer shall support any on-the-job skills development as detailed within any Training Plan.

- 4.12. The Customer shall provide a mentor for the Apprentice and a key contact point for the Supplier and the Apprentice.
 - 4.13. The Customer shall ensure it has a lawful basis to transfer data relating to Apprentices to the Supplier for the purposes of registration and in connection with the Apprenticeship.
 - 4.14. The Customer will attend and contribute to the Apprentice's formal progress reviews, to provide the Customer's views on progress and performance in order to ensure that the targets and objectives agreed accurately reflect the Customer's and the Apprentice's needs. The Supplier shall share a summary of the review with both the Customer and the Apprentice and it shall be signed by at least the Supplier and the Apprentice as a minimum. The minimum requirement of the progress review is that it will:
 - 4.14.1. check progress against any actions agreed at the previous review, including any training that has been delivered since the last review;
 - 4.14.2. check overall progress of the Apprentice against their agreed Training Plan, documenting any slippage against the volume of planned off-the-job/delivery hours;
 - 4.14.3. allow for any off-the-job training evidence, which is outside of the Supplier's control, to be discussed, agreed, collected, or documented;
 - 4.14.4. discuss any concerns that the Supplier, Customer, or the Apprentice has;
 - 4.14.5. discuss any new information / potential changes of circumstance that might impact on the Training Plan. This could include any additional training required, or any additional prior learning or learning support needs that have come to light since the original initial assessment and / or the last progress review. Changes to the Training Plan may require the price to be renegotiated or for Apprenticeship Units impact eligibility for funding;
 - 4.14.6. provide for an opportunity to update the Training Plan (e.g. where it is necessary to replan any off-the-job/delivery hours); and
 - 4.14.7. agree and document actions for the next review. The record of the progress review must be signed and dated by all parties (Apprentice, Customer, Supplier).
 - 4.15. Progress reviews under Condition 4.14 shall take place no less frequently than every 3 calendar months or, for Apprenticeship Units, at such intervals agreed between the Customer and Supplier.
 - 4.16. The Customer shall use reasonable efforts to provide at least 10 working days' notice to the Supplier of any cancellation or postponement of workplace assessment visits, formal progress reviews or training sessions.
 - 4.17. The Customer shall provide such information in relation to each Apprentice as the Supplier may reasonably request and to fully support the completion of all registration documentation required by the DfE to register the Apprentice on the Apprenticeship Programme.
 - 4.18. The Customer shall, throughout the Apprenticeship Programme, fully co-operate with the Supplier's staff in the completion of all documentation necessary to provide ongoing evidence of progression and completion as required by the DfE, including without limitation:
 - 4.18.1. a record of planned and delivered off-the-job/delivery hours and any supporting evidence required by the Supplier and, (where applicable) if the original volume of planned off-the-job training hours and the actual hours delivered do not align, a summary statement countersigned by the Apprentice and the Customer and prepared in accordance with the Funding Rules;
 - 4.18.2. if the Apprentice and the Customer wish to use keeping in touch (KIT) or shared parental leave in touch (SPLIT) days to continue off-the-job/delivery hours and/or assessment during a period of maternity, adoption or shared parental leave, an agreement countersigned by the Apprentice and the Customer and prepared in accordance with the Funding Rules;
 - 4.18.3. if the Apprentice is withdrawn, a record for part-completion of an apprenticeship prepared in accordance with the Funding Rules; and
 - 4.18.4. written confirmation from the Customer that the Apprentice will be allowed to complete the Apprenticeship Programme within their working hours, including any English and maths required.
 - 4.19. The Customer shall provide feedback to the Supplier on the Apprentice's experience, including surveys provided by the Supplier for the purposes of the Supplier's quality control and service evaluation.
 - 4.20. The Customer shall allow the Supplier to perform a health and safety assessment of the Customer's premises in line with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and recommend any changes necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws regarding the health and safety of Apprentice(s) or reasonably requested by the Supplier in order to ensure the safeguarding of Apprentice(s). Any assessment requested by the Supplier under this Condition shall be on reasonable notice and subject to the Supplier agreeing to all policies and requirements of the Customer relating to the Customer's premises.
 - 4.21. The Customer shall ensure that any Apprentices, especially below the age of 18, are protected at work from any risks to their health and safety and a risk assessment has been carried out in line with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.
 - 4.22. The Customer shall maintain employers' liability insurance as required by law.
 - 4.23. Where the Supplier has provided recruitment services for the Customer and during an Apprenticeship the Customer offers such Apprentice employment which results in termination of the Apprenticeship, then the Customer will be liable to pay to the Supplier liquidated damages of £1,500 (one thousand five hundred pounds). Both Parties acknowledge that this figure is a genuine pre-estimate of the losses incurred by the Supplier on a time and effort basis and is not a penalty of any kind.
 - 4.24. Where the Supplier provides recruitment services for the Customer the Recruitment Services Terms and Conditions available at: <https://www.qa.com/legal-privacy/> shall apply.
- ## 5. APPRENTICE'S EMPLOYMENT
- 5.1. The Apprenticeship Contract shall remain in force during the entire Apprenticeship Period. The Customer shall comply with the terms of the Apprenticeship Contract during the Apprenticeship Period. The Customer shall permit the Apprentice leave to undertake training at the Supplier (or a venue agreed between the Parties).
 - 5.2. The Supplier shall not and shall not require the Apprentice to do anything that shall breach the Apprenticeship Contract and shall have no authority to vary the terms of the Apprenticeship Contract or make any representations to the Apprentice in relation to the terms of the Apprenticeship Contract.
 - 5.3. The Customer shall provide the Supplier with such information and assistance as it may reasonably require to carry out its obligations as the Apprentice's training provider.
 - 5.4. The Supplier shall provide the Customer with such information and assistance as it may reasonably require to carry out its obligations as the Apprentice's employer.
 - 5.5. All documents, manuals, hardware and software provided for the Apprentice's use by the Customer, and any data or documents (including copies) produced, maintained or stored on the Customer's computer systems or other electronic equipment (including mobile phones), remain the property of the Customer.
 - 5.6. Subject to Condition 5.7, the Customer shall, where practicable, ensure that the Apprentice is employed for at least 30 hours a week.
 - 5.7. The Customer may employ the Apprentice for fewer than 30 hours a week provided that:
 - 5.7.1. the Supplier agrees that there is a case for the Apprentice to work fewer than 30 hours a week;
 - 5.7.2. the Customer records the proposed number of hours each week;
 - 5.7.3. the Customer keeps a record of the circumstances which has led it to believe that a reduction in hours is appropriate; and
 - 5.7.4. the expected duration of the Apprenticeship is adjusted, where applicable, so that training expectations are realistic in accordance with the Funding Rules.
 - 5.8. Any National Insurance contributions which are required shall be made by the Customer in relation to the Apprentice.
 - 5.9. Both parties shall inform the other as soon as reasonably practicable of any other significant matter that may arise during the Apprenticeship Period relating to the Apprentice or their employment.
 - 5.10. The Customer shall notify the Supplier if the Apprentice is or shall be absent from work for any reason as soon as reasonably practicable.
 - 5.11. The Supplier shall notify the Customer if the Apprentice is or shall be absent from study for any reason as soon as reasonably practicable.
 - 5.12. Unless the Apprentice is undertaking an Apprenticeship Unit:
 - 5.12.1.1. If an Apprentice requests a break from study, then the parties will agree in advance of any break in learning plan for the Apprentice's leave and return to work and study. Unless the parties agree otherwise, then the Apprentice's training from the Supplier and ensuing payments to the Supplier will restart on the Apprentice's return.
 - 5.12.1.2. If the Apprenticeship Contract is terminated before the end of the practical period because the Apprentice is dismissed by reason of redundancy, the Customer will provide either i) a copy of the Apprentice's dismissal notice (which cites the reason for dismissal as redundancy) or ii) written evidence which can reasonably conclude that

the Apprentice was made redundant to the Supplier. The Supplier will make reasonable efforts to find the Apprentice a new employer if the Apprentice is made redundant.

- 5.12.1.3. In accordance with the Funding Rules, in the event that the Apprenticeship is terminated by reason of redundancy, the Parties acknowledge and agree that: (i) if the Apprentice was within six months of the final day of completion of the Apprenticeship Period; or (ii) has completed at least 75% of the Apprenticeship Period, then in each case, (i) and (ii), the DfE will fund 100% of the remaining costs of the Training Period. The Parties also acknowledge and agree that in addition to any other remedy or other action as provided under the Contract, if the Apprentice has completed less than 75% of the Training Period and the remaining training will take six months or more, the DfE will fund 100% of the training costs of up to 12 (twelve) weeks while the Apprentice seeks a new employer.

6. ENROLMENT

- 6.1. Once the Customer has received details of a potential Apprentice, the Customer shall send the Supplier any paperwork and make such other arrangements as deemed necessary in the reasonable opinion of the Supplier for the Supplier to determine the Apprentice's eligibility for an Apprenticeship with the Customer. Subject to the Supplier confirming eligibility of the Apprentice, the Apprentice will be enrolled as an Apprentice by the Supplier. The Customer acknowledges that it is not the Supplier's agent for the purpose of enrolment. Neither party will enrol an Apprentice, or agree to enrol an Apprentice, unless both parties have approved this.
- 6.2. The initial guidance and assessment of Apprentices and potential Apprentices shall be carried out by the Customer and the Supplier. The Parties shall agree the form which the said initial guidance and assessment shall take.
- 6.3. Neither Party shall make any representation to any potential Apprentice about their eligibility, likelihood of becoming enrolled or any conditions regarding enrolment save as expressly authorised by the other Party.

7. ASSESSMENT

- 7.1. Except in the case of Apprenticeship Units, no later than six months prior to the Apprenticeship Gateway, the Supplier (unless the Customer has chosen to) is responsible for selecting an organisation from the APAR to deliver the end-point assessment for an Apprenticeship including negotiating a price with the applicable end-point assessment organisation. The Supplier shall make payments to the Apprenticeship Assessment Organisation. Where the Customer wishes to change the Apprenticeship Assessment Organisation at any point during the Apprenticeship and the cost of changing the EPAO increases the overall fees of the Apprenticeship to more than the maximum funding band for the relevant Apprenticeship then the Customer must pay in full the difference between the band maximum and the total negotiated price to the Supplier.
- 7.2. The Supplier and the Customer will both support the Apprentice in undertaking any assessments, including supporting the Apprentice through any relevant gateway required to carry out the assessment and explaining the end-point assessment process.
- 7.3. The assessment of an Apprentice completing an Apprenticeship Unit will be by way of a skills test which is to be agreed between the Supplier and the Customer.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 8.1. The Supplier shall not own any Intellectual Property Rights created by an Apprentice however the Customer shall or shall procure a licence for the Supplier to use such Intellectual Property Rights for the purposes of providing the Services for the Apprenticeship.

9. FUNDING

- 9.1. The Apprenticeship shall be funded in accordance with the Funding Rules and Condition 5.13 of the General Terms shall not apply.
- 9.2. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of Charges to the Supplier in accordance with the APC or ASA for each Apprentice.
- 9.3. The Parties shall agree Charges for the training and assessment required for an Apprentice to undertake and complete an apprenticeship standard. The agreed Charges must only include the training and assessment necessary to meet the relevant standard.
- 9.4. The Parties may only revise the agreed Charges for the training and assessment when permitted by the Funding Rules and both Parties agree that:
- 9.4.1. a specific gap in the required training or assessment for the Apprentice has been identified that was omitted in error from the original written agreement;

- 9.4.2. a specific element in the training or assessment agreed for the Apprentice has been identified as no longer required.
- 9.5. If the Apprenticeship is to be co-funded, in accordance with the Funding Rules, by the Customer, then the Customer's cash contributions to the Supplier shall be in the form of a transfer of funding visible in the financial systems of both Parties. The value of each cash contribution shall be recorded in the ILR along with documentation to support this.
- 9.6. In the Customer's apprenticeship service account:
- 9.6.1. the Customer shall record the details of the Apprenticeship required by the Funding Rules which must correspond with the information recorded on the ILR;
- 9.6.2. the Customer may give permission to the Supplier to enter the details of the apprenticeship on the Supplier's Training Apprenticeship Service ('TAS') account which shall be approved by the Customer;
- 9.6.3. the Customer shall promptly approve reasonable requests made by the Supplier with respect to their apprenticeship service account; and
- 9.6.4. the Customer shall authorise payments from its apprenticeship service account to the Supplier in accordance with the payment provisions set out in the APC or ASA.
- 9.7. The Supplier will:
- 9.7.1. For Apprenticeship Units, be permitted to undertake the Apprenticeship Assessment multiple times within the time period specified by the Supplier;
- 9.7.2. For other Apprenticeships, meet the cost of the first attempt and first re-sit of the Apprenticeship Assessment and any mandatory qualification exams required to meet the Apprenticeship standard. The Customer will determine whether further re-sits are undertaken and if so shall meet the cost of all additional Apprenticeship Assessment and mandatory qualification attempts per Apprentice (where applicable), in each case, prior to the Apprentice sitting the exam. The Customer shall reimburse the Supplier for costs and expenses incurred by the Supplier arising out of or in connection with an Apprentice's failure to attend any exams for which the Apprentice is registered to attend, this includes end-point assessment, non-mandatory qualifications (which are not part of the Apprenticeship standard) and functional skills exams.
- 9.8. Where the Customer's accounting practices require the use of a purchase order number, the Customer shall provide a valid purchase order number to the Supplier promptly upon signing each APC or ASA. Where applicable the Customer should also provide a copy of their internal purchase order document to the Supplier.

10. CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

- 10.1. Each Party must inform the other as soon as possible and in any event within two Business Days of any change of circumstance (as defined in Condition 10.2) which may affect the amount of government funding that can be claimed by the Customer, or the Apprentice's ability to successfully complete their Apprenticeship as agreed under the Apprenticeship Agreement.
- 10.2. A change of circumstance includes, but is not limited to a change:
- 10.2.1. of Customer, or Customer circumstances (for example the Customer goes into administration);
- 10.2.2. of apprentice job role or employment status;
- 10.2.3. in the Apprentice's circumstances leading to a break in learning (if applicable);
- 10.2.4. in the Apprentice's status; or
- 10.2.5. involving the Apprentice leaving their Apprenticeship early.
- Where there is a change of circumstance, the Supplier must update the ILR in accordance with the DfE's ILR guidelines as soon as the Supplier is made aware of the change of circumstance.
- 10.3. If a change of circumstance means that training and/or assessment is no longer being delivered or capable of being delivered, neither Party shall claim any further government funding contributions or additional payments. The Customer shall ensure that any Customer contribution for any training or assessment that has already been delivered is paid.

11. EVIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

- 11.1. The Supplier shall retain a signed copy of the Training Plan for the evidence pack which confirms eligibility.
- 11.2. The Supplier shall hold evidence:
- 11.2.1. that the Apprentice exists;
- 11.2.2. the Apprentice is eligible for funding;
- 11.2.3. that the Customer is eligible for any additional payments;
- 11.2.4. of a written agreement with the Customer;
- 11.2.5. that the education and training being delivered is eligible for funding;
- 11.2.6. that the training/assessment activity is taking place or has taken place; and

11.2.7. that, for elements of quality standards for which certification is required, the achievement of learning aims has been certified by way of a certificate being issued by an awarding organisation or assessment body for the apprenticeship standard, and to support other funding claimed, such as learning support and English and mathematics.

11.3. The Customer shall promptly provide to the Supplier (and in any event within three (3) Business Days) all information reasonably requested by the Supplier to permit the onward payment of any additional payments. Where the Supplier is unable to pass the additional payment onto the Customer (for example, where the Customer has not responded to numerous requests for their bank details) then the Supplier must return the additional payment to the DfE.

11.4. The Supplier shall retain Customer additional payment incentive claim forms submitted by the Customer.

12. SUB-CONTRACTING

12.1. Except for the delivery of Apprenticeship Units, the Supplier shall be entitled to sub-contract the delivery of Services under the Contract, provided that:

12.1.1. The following details are agreed in writing between the Customer and Supplier:

12.1.1.1. the Apprenticeship training and/or on-programme assessment that the Supplier will directly deliver;

12.1.1.2. the amount of funding that the Supplier will retain for its direct delivery;

12.1.1.3. the Apprenticeship training and/or on-programme assessment that each delivery subcontractor will contribute to the Customer's apprenticeship programme;

12.1.1.4. the amount of funding that the Supplier will pay each delivery subcontractor for their contribution;

12.1.1.5. the specific amount of funding that the Supplier will retain to manage and monitor each delivery subcontractor;

12.1.1.6. the specific amount of funding that the Supplier will retain for each other support activity that the Supplier will provide to each delivery subcontractor;

12.1.1.7. the specific amount of funding that the Supplier will retain for the monitoring that the Supplier will undertake to ensure the quality of the Apprentice's training and/or on-programme assessment that the Supplier has contracted each delivery subcontractor to carry out;

12.1.1.8. a detailed description of how the funding retained for each activity detailed contributes to delivering high quality training and how the funding retained is reasonable and proportionate to delivery of the apprenticeship training; and

12.1.1.9. any actual or perceived conflict of interest between the Supplier and any delivery subcontractors. For example, where the Supplier and a delivery subcontractor are part of the same group, share common directors or senior personnel, or where the Supplier will benefit financially from using a particular delivery subcontractor;

12.1.1.10. the use of the subcontractor does not breach the Funding Rules; and

12.1.1.11. the Customer has provided written permission in advance.

12.2. The Supplier must not enter into any new sub-contracting arrangements where:

12.2.1. Ofsted has rated the Supplier's leadership and governance as Urgent Improvement; or

12.2.2. the outcome of the Supplier's annual financial health assessment is inadequate unless the DfE has provided its written consent to the proposed subcontracting arrangement in advance of a subcontract being entered into;

12.2.3. a subcontractor has been inspected and any evaluation area, at provider or apprenticeship provision level, has been judged as Urgent Improvement; or

12.2.4. a subcontractor is subject to ongoing intervention or investigation by the DfE.

13. TERMINATION

13.1. The Customer may terminate the Contract in accordance with the Funding Rules.

13.2. The Customer may terminate the Apprenticeship with immediate effect without notice:

13.2.1. on the termination of the Apprenticeship Agreement or Apprenticeship Contract as a result of the Apprentice's dismissal or resignation; or

13.2.2. if the Supplier is guilty of any material breach of the terms of the Contract.

13.3. The Supplier may terminate the Apprenticeship with immediate effect without notice:

13.3.1. on the termination of the Apprenticeship Agreement or Apprenticeship Contract as a result of the Apprentice's dismissal or resignation; or

13.3.2. if the Customer is guilty of any material breach of the terms of the Contract.

13.4. Upon termination of an Apprenticeship in accordance with Condition 13.3.2, the Customer shall pay to the Supplier such Charges as would otherwise have been payable by the Customer to the Supplier under the Contract.

13.5. Any reasonable delay by a Party in exercising the right to terminate shall not constitute a waiver of such rights.

13.6. In the event that the Customer breaches the Funding Rules and such breach results in the DfE claiming back Charges from the Supplier the Customer shall pay the Supplier such Charges to the extent that they are directly attributable to the Customer's breach.

13.7. Upon termination or expiry, the Parties shall continue to work together in good faith to conclude any outstanding administrative, audit or other Apprentice requirements that may exist prior to the commencement of the following Academic Year to ensure Apprentices are able to continue with or start new Apprenticeships with the Supplier or any other third party. For the avoidance of doubt any actions required to conclude any outstanding administrative, audit or other requirements shall be considered a consequence of termination of the Contract and shall not constitute a new agreement between the Parties.

13.8. For the avoidance of doubt, Condition 2.9 and 11.2.1 of the General Terms shall not apply to Apprenticeship Services.

14. CANCELLATIONS

14.1. The Supplier reserves the right, at its discretion, to change course schedules, composition and content, in which case it shall notify the Customer at the earliest possible opportunity and ensure that it does not negatively affect the Apprentice's ability to complete their Apprenticeship.

15. SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING

15.1. Each party shall:

15.1.1. carry out its responsibilities under all relevant legislation, regulations and formal guidance for the protection of children and vulnerable adults including the Safeguarding Legislation;

15.1.2. acknowledge that it has a duty of care to ensure that there are adequate safeguarding processes and checks in place, particularly for those Apprentices aged 18 and under; and

15.1.3. make every effort to assure and promote the safeguarding of Apprentices during their employment and either:

15.1.3.1. comply with the Supplier's Safeguarding Policy Statement. A copy of the full policy can be downloaded from our website:

<https://www.qa.com/legal-privacy/>; or

15.1.3.2. maintain and operate its own safeguarding policy that meets all relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.

15.2. The parties shall perform their obligations under the Contract in accordance with:

15.2.1. all Applicable Law regarding health and safety; and

15.2.2. the health and safety policy of the other party whilst at the other party's premises (to the extent it has been made known by one party to the other party).

15.3. Each Party shall notify the other as soon as practicable of any health and safety incidents or material health and safety hazards at either party's premises of which it becomes aware and which relate to an Apprentice. Each party shall adopt any necessary associated safety measures in order to manage any such material health and safety hazards.

15.4. The Customer shall maintain a full record of all incidents relating to health, safety and security relating to Apprentices and shall make such records available to the Supplier on reasonable notice and the Customer shall immediately inform the Supplier of the death of any Apprentice.

16. WITHDRAWALS

16.1. Unless the Apprenticeship is undertaking an Apprenticeship Unit:

16.1.1. The Customer acknowledges and agrees that Charges withdrawn from the Customer's apprenticeship service account by the Supplier may not necessarily reflect services provided by the Supplier in the relevant period because Charges are paid to the Supplier in equal monthly instalments according to the planned duration of the Apprenticeship, regardless of the proportion of services delivered in the applicable period. By way of example, the Customer and Apprentice may seek to complete a larger proportion of off-the-job training at the start of the Apprenticeship Period and in this instance the Supplier will be paid for such services over the duration of the Apprenticeship Period rather than when training is delivered.

16.1.2. In the event of a Withdrawal the Supplier will no longer be entitled to withdraw Charges from the Customer's apprenticeship service account and, due to the circumstances detailed in Condition 16.1.1, would not be entitled to recover Charges from the apprenticeship service account for services which have already been provided by the Supplier prior to the Withdrawal and in this instance the Supplier shall be entitled to recover directly from the Customer and the Customer agrees to pay an amount equal to the value of any services provided under the Contract prior to a Withdrawal which the Supplier is unable to recover from the Customer's apprenticeship service account.

16.2. For Apprenticeship Units the Customer acknowledges any Apprentice enrolled on an Apprenticeship Unit must be withdrawn by the Supplier if they have not reached milestone 2 eight weeks after their planned end date. The only exception to this rule is if an Apprentice takes maternity, adoption or shared parental leave. In these cases the Apprentice can continue the Apprenticeship Unit when they return to work and do not need to be withdrawn.

17. COMPLAINTS

17.1. The Supplier's complaints procedure is outlined here:

<https://www.qa.com/legal-privacy/>.

18. DATA PROTECTION

18.1. The Data Protection Addendum available at <https://www.qa.com/legal-privacy/> is incorporated into these Terms. Terms defined in this Condition 18 shall have the meaning given to them in the Data Protection Addendum.

18.2. The Customer shall be a Data Controller where it is Processing Personal Data for the purpose of its relationship with each Apprentice as his or her employer.

18.3. The Supplier shall be a Data Controller where it is Processing Personal Data for the purpose of its role as the provider of Apprenticeships to each Apprentice and delivering education and training to Apprentices.

18.4. The Parties do not anticipate that either will act as a Data Processor on behalf of the other Party and neither Party is authorised or instructed to act as a Data Processor on behalf of each other.

18.5. The Parties will not act as joint Data Controllers in common.

19. VARIATION

19.1. The Supplier reserves the right to modify these Terms to the extent that such changes are required due to changes in the Funding Rules. Any revisions will be made available at: <https://www.qa.com/legal-privacy/>.