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This report provides information on the volumes and outcomes of apprenticeship end-point assessments (EPAs) undertaken in England from March 2024 to February 2025.

This report only covers those apprenticeship EPAs which Ofqual regulates, and only presents data provided by the awarding organisations (AOs) which delivered Ofqual-regulated EPAs during the period covered in the report. For information on the overall apprenticeships market, please see [DfE's report on apprenticeships](#).

Key findings

1. Between March 2024 and February 2025, EPAs in 616 apprenticeship standards were in scope for Ofqual regulation. Out of the 157 awarding organisations (AOs) recognised by Ofqual to offer EPAs, 139 AOs delivered EPAs across 491 apprenticeship standards. Numbers of AOs and EPAs have continually increased each year since 2020, following the requirement for them to be regulated.
2. 168,280 regulated EPAs were taken by apprentices, and 153,155 EPAs were completed between March 2024 and February 2025.
3. The highest number of EPAs completed were for level 3 (72,305 EPAs completed, equivalent to 47.2% of completed EPAs). Among apprenticeship routes, the highest numbers of completed EPAs were in the Business and administration route (34,780 EPAs completed, equivalent to 22.7% of completed EPAs) and for the Business administrator apprenticeship standard (7,975 EPAs completed, equivalent to 5.2% of completed EPAs). City and Guilds of London Institute had the highest number of completed EPAs compared with other AOs (48,730 EPAs completed).
4. Between March 2024 and February 2025, for 90.8% of EPAs completed, all required components were passed on the first attempt (without failing and subsequently re-sitting or retaking any components). First-attempt pass rates in level 2, 3 and 4 EPAs were lower than EPAs of levels 5, 6 and 7. Catering and hospitality, engineering and manufacturing and legal, finance and accounting routes had the lowest overall first-attempt pass rate.

Introduction

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) was closed in 2025, and its powers and responsibilities were transferred to the Secretary of State, with Skills England exercising many of these functions as an executive agency of Government. Skills England has a lead role in the programme of change currently underway within apprenticeship assessment, following the introduction of Apprenticeship Assessment Principles by the Department for

Education (DfE) in February 2025. This statistical report concerns the period prior to this announcement and may use terms and reference AO approaches that are subject to change.

Following IfATE's 2020 consultation to simplify and strengthen external quality assurance the majority of EPAs [are now regulated by Ofqual](#), or for integrated degree apprenticeships, regulated by the Office for Students (OfS). A small number of standards are not covered by either regulator and are quality assured by other bodies.

Ofqual collects a wide range of data about regulated qualifications to inform its regulatory activity. This includes regular data submissions from all AOs with EPAs on Ofqual's [register of regulated qualifications](#).

This report presents an analysis of the data submitted by AOs which Ofqual regulates. The data presented throughout this report is collected annually, covering a period from the start of March to the end of February.

The first part of the report focuses on the volume of the apprenticeship EPAs in the period from March 2020 to February 2025. This includes the overall number of AOs delivering EPAs regulated by Ofqual and the number of EPAs and assessment components taken by apprentices. The figures from March 2024 to February 2025 are then broken down by apprenticeship level, route, apprenticeship standard, and AO. All figures are also available in the [accompanying data tables](#).

Overall EPA figures for Ofqual regulated apprenticeships

Number of AOs and apprenticeship standards

In the period from March 2024 to February 2025, out of 157 AOs recognised to offer EPAs, 139 AOs delivered EPAs. Numbers of AOs and EPAs in Ofqual's purview have continually increased each year since 2020 following the requirement that EPAs should be regulated. AOs delivered apprenticeship EPAs for 491 apprenticeship standards, out of a total of 616 apprenticeship standards with EPAs regulated by Ofqual and available for apprentices.

Figure 1. (a) Number of AOs delivering EPAs regulated by Ofqual and (b) number of apprenticeship standards with EPAs delivered from 2020 to 2021 up until 2024 to 2025.

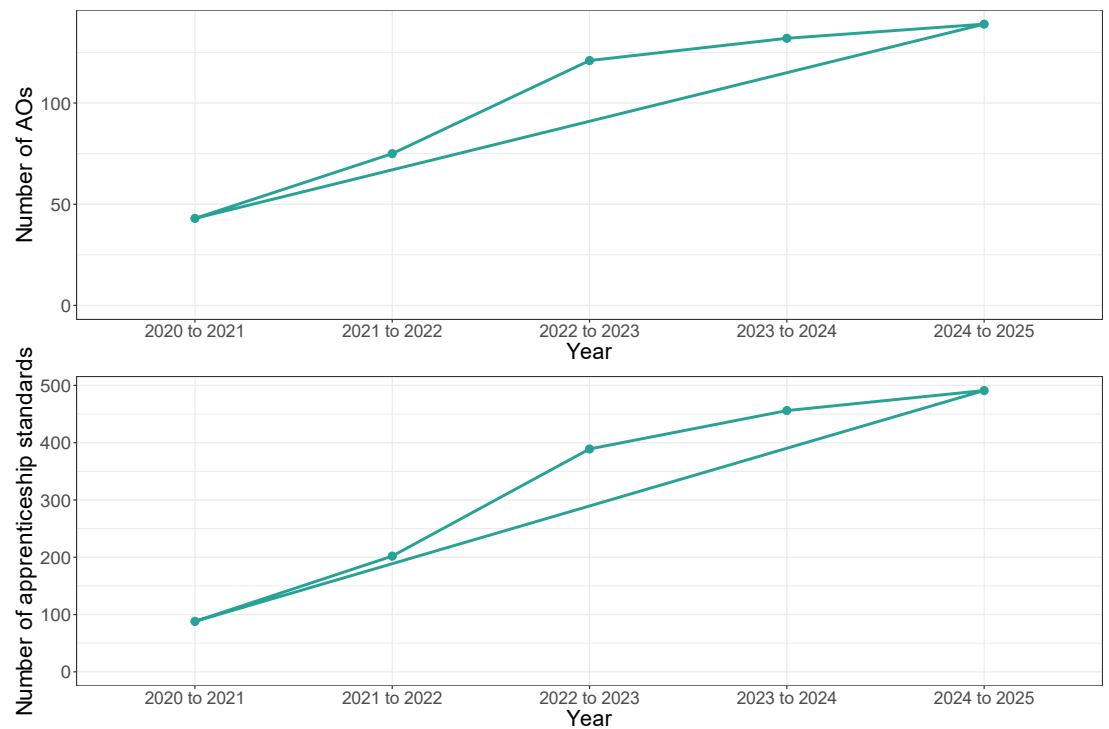


Table 1. Number of AOs delivering EPAs regulated by Ofqual and number of apprenticeship standards with EPAs delivered from 2020 to 2021 up until 2024 to 2025.

	2020 to 2021	2021 to 2022	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024	2024 to 2025
Number of AOs	43	75	121	132	139
Number of apprenticeship standards	88	202	389	456	491

Number of EPAs and EPA components taken by apprentices

EPAs may be started and not yet completed because one or more components were failed, or because one or more components were taken or assessed after the specified reporting period. During March 2024 to February 2025, 168,280 EPAs were started (for 491 standards) and 153,155 EPAs were completed (91.0% of all taken EPAs) for 490 standards. 139,040 (90.8% of all completed EPAs) EPAs were completed on the first attempt (without failing and subsequently resitting or retaking any components) in 2024 to 2025.

EPAs may consist of multiple components (individual assessments that contribute towards the EPA, such as observations, tests, projects, presentations, professional discussions, and so on). In 2024 to 2025, 422,645 individual EPA

components were taken by apprentices and 382,590 were passed (90.5%). Numbers of EPAs and EPA components taken and passed have increased each year since 2020, in line with the number of standards with EPAs that are regulated by Ofqual.

Note that in the data AOs send to Ofqual, the total number of components taken reported in each year includes attempts taken in that year as well as any previous attempts for the same assessment which may have been taken in previous years. For example, if an apprentice took a component in 2024, failed, and re-took the assessment in 2025 and passed, the data may include this as 2 attempts in 2025, not one in each year. We are not able to separate these out in the data and so the total components taken figures in each year may include some that were taken in an earlier year.

Figure 2. (a) Number of EPAs regulated by Ofqual taken and completed, and (b) EPA components taken and passed by apprentices, from 2020 to 2021 up until 2024 to 2025.



Table 2. Numbers of EPAs regulated by Ofqual taken and completed, and EPA components taken and passed from 2020 to 2021 up until 2024 to 2025.

	2020 to 2021	2021 to 2022	2022 to 2023	2023 to 2024	2024 to 2025
Number of EPAs completed	13,405	44,125	110,675	144,895	153,155
Number of EPAs taken	15,095	51,125	124,835	159,875	168,280
Number of	34,050	114,715	284,360	366,665	382,590

components passed

Number of components taken	37,105	130,030	317,860	411,100	422,645
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EPA completions by apprenticeship level from 2024 to 2025

[Apprenticeships are available at a number of levels](#), ranging from intermediate and level 2 (equivalent to GCSE) to degree and level 6 and 7 (equivalent to bachelor's or master's degree).

Note that integrated degree apprenticeships (usually at level 6 or 7) are not included here as these are regulated by the Office for Students.

The highest number of completed EPAs in 2024 to 2025 was at level 3 (72,305 EPA completions, equivalent to 47.2% of all completed EPAs).

Figure 3. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level.

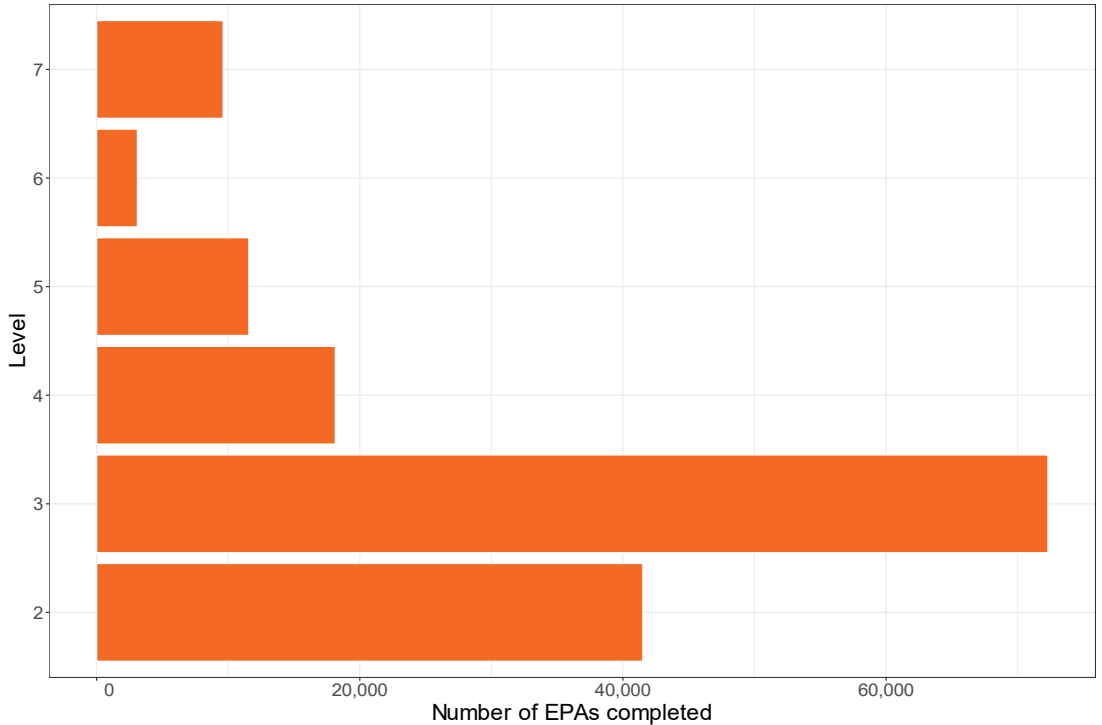


Table 3. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level.

Level	Number of EPAs completed	Percentage of all completed EPAs
7	9,615	6.3%

6	3,055	2.0%
5	11,565	7.6%
4	18,140	11.8%
3	72,305	47.2%
2	38,480	25.1%

The highest number of EPA components taken (including unfinished EPAs) in 2024 to 2025 was among level 3 apprenticeship standards (204,205 components taken by apprentices).

Figure 4. Numbers of EPA components taken from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level.

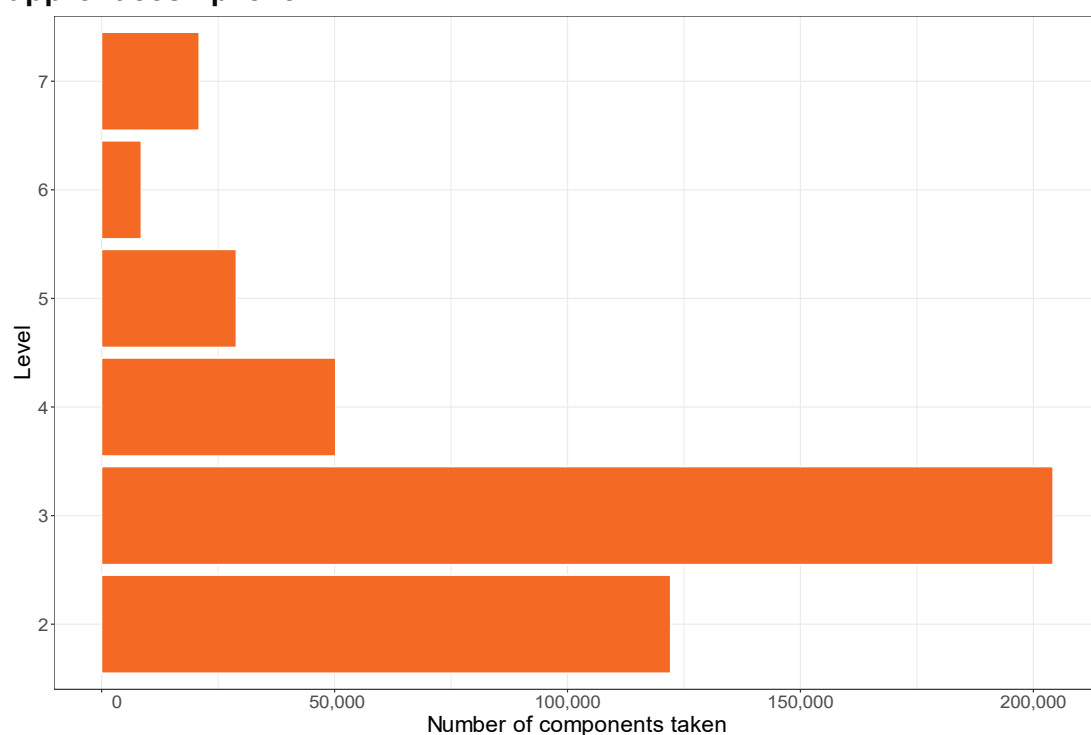


Table 4. Numbers of EPA components taken by apprentices from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level.

Level	Number of components taken	Percentage of components taken
7	20,915	4.9%
6	8,165	1.9%
5	28,890	6.8%
4	50,220	11.9%
3	204,205	48.3%

EPA completions by route from 2024 to 2025

Apprenticeships are aligned to one of [15 'routes' comprising groups of occupations with related knowledge and skill requirements](#).

The highest number of completed EPAs in 2024 to 2025 was in the business and administration route (34,780 EPAs completed, equivalent to 22.7 % of all completed EPAs).

Figure 5. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by route.

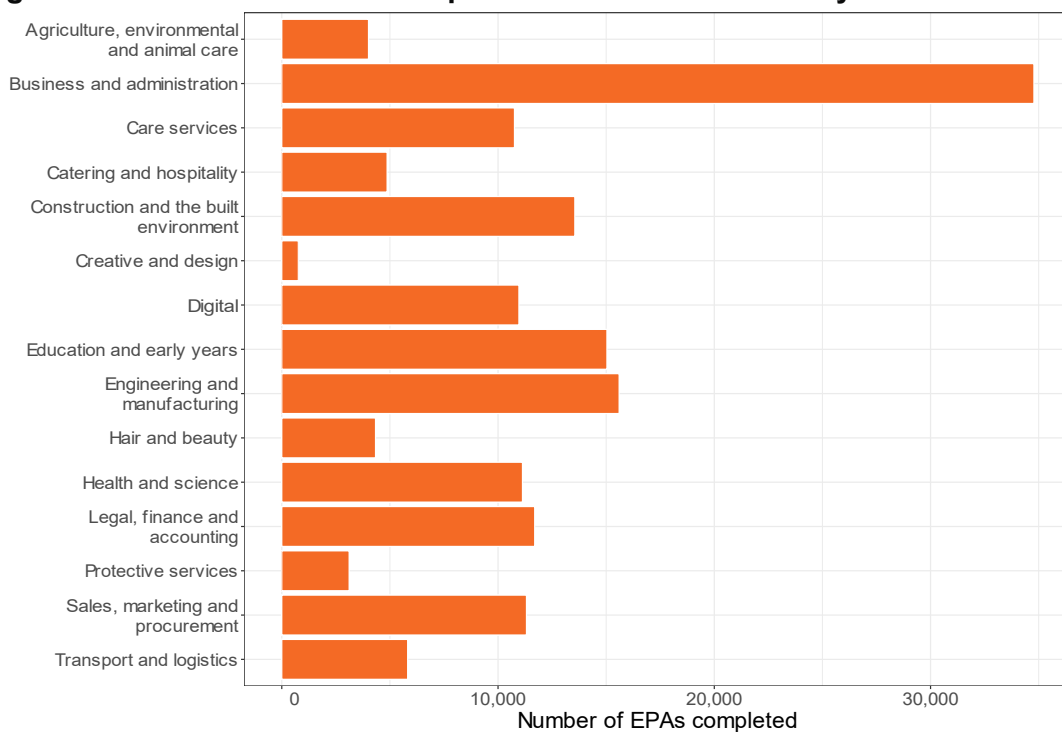


Table 5. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by route.

Route	Number of EPAs completed	Percentage of all completed EPAs
Agriculture, environmental and animal care	4,010	2.6%
Business and administration	34,780	22.7%
Care services	10,760	7.0%
Catering and hospitality	4,870	3.2%

Construction and the built environment	11,935	7.8%
Creative and design	765	0.5%
Digital	10,965	7.2%
Education and early years	15,035	9.8%
Engineering and manufacturing	15,600	10.2%
Hair and beauty	3,425	2.2%
Health and science	11,130	7.3%
Legal, finance and accounting	11,695	7.6%
Protective services	3,115	2.0%
Sales, marketing and procurement	10,110	6.6%
Transport and logistics	4,960	3.2%

The highest number of EPA components taken in 2024 to 2025 was in the business and administration route (87,485 components taken, equivalent to 20.7% of all components taken).

Figure 6. Numbers of EPA components taken from 2024 to 2025 by route.

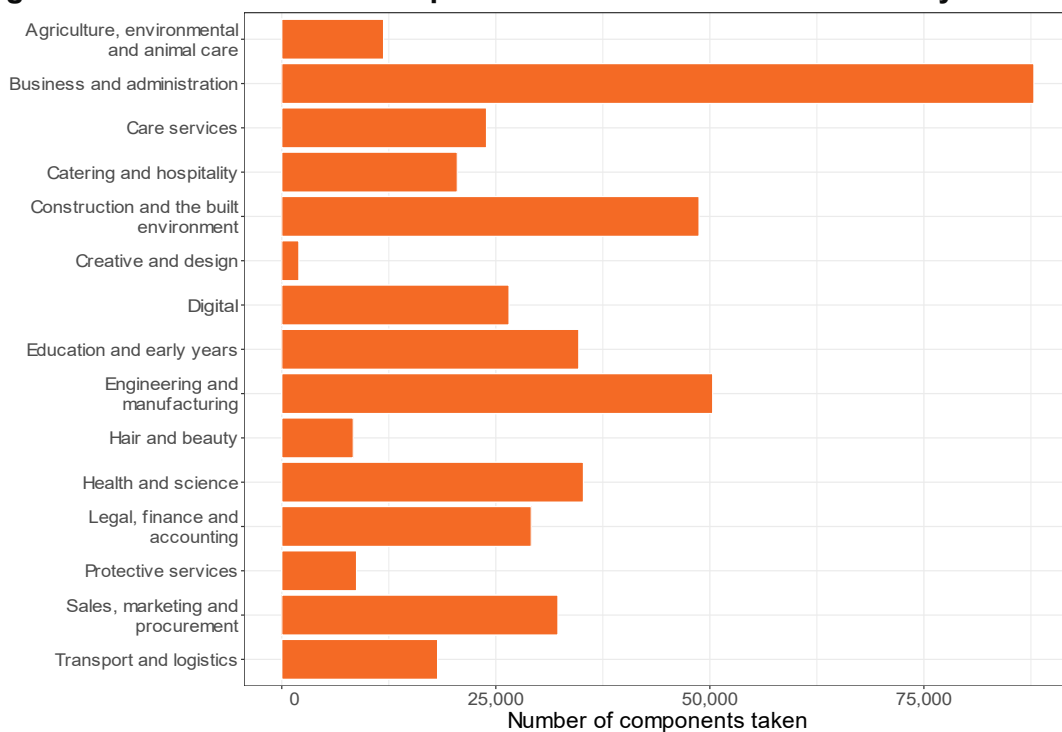


Table 6. Numbers of EPA components taken by apprentices from 2024 to 2025 by route.

Route	Number of components taken	Percentage of all components taken
Agriculture, environmental and animal care	11,890	2.8%
Business and administration	87,485	20.7%
Care services	23,915	5.7%
Catering and hospitality	20,500	4.9%
Construction and the built environment	41,810	9.9%
Creative and design	1,700	0.4%
Digital	26,545	6.3%
Education and early years	34,690	8.2%
Engineering and manufacturing	50,330	11.9%
Hair and beauty	6,950	1.6%
Health and science	34,380	8.1%
Legal, finance and accounting	29,140	6.9%
Protective services	8,735	2.1%
Sales, marketing and procurement	28,755	6.8%
Transport and logistics	15,825	3.7%

EPA completions by apprenticeship standard from 2024 to 2025

An apprenticeship standard is a description of an occupation with associated duties, knowledge, skills and behaviours (and also includes the assessment plan and funding band). Occupational standards and assessment plans are designed

by employers and approved by Skills England. AOs use the assessment plan as the basis on which to design EPAs.

Due to the large number of standards available, in this report we will focus on the 10 standards which had the greatest number of completed EPAs reported from March 2024 to February 2025. Numbers of components taken by apprentices are also shown for the same 10 standards. These may not necessarily be the standards with the most components taken and may not have been regulated by Ofqual in previous years. Data for all standards can be found in the [accompanying data tables](#).

The Business administrator apprenticeship had the highest number of completed EPAs in 2024 to 2025 (7,975 EPAs completed, equivalent to 5.2% of all completed EPAs).

Figure 7. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard.

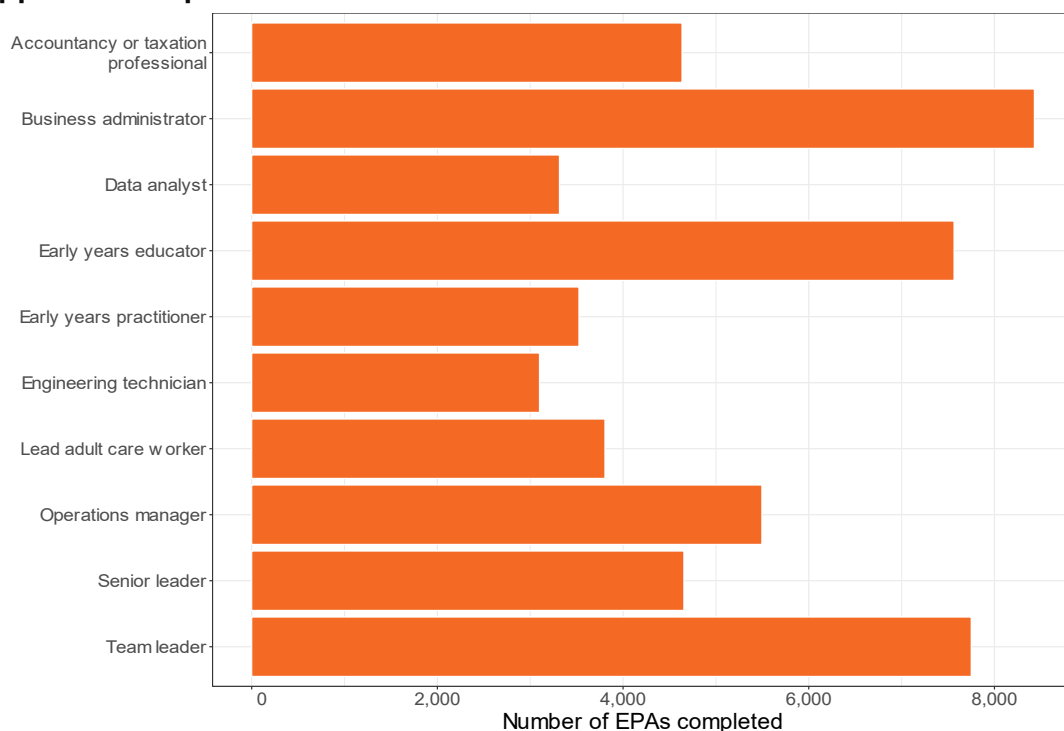


Table 7. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard.

Standard	Number of EPAs completed	Percentage of all completed EPAs
Accountancy or taxation professional	4,635	3.0%
Business administrator	7,975	5.2%
Data analyst	3,315	2.2%
Early years educator	7,565	4.9%

Early years practitioner	3,525	2.3%
Engineering technician	3,100	2.0%
Lead adult care worker	3,805	2.5%
Operations manager	5,495	3.6%
Senior leader	4,050	2.6%
Team leader	7,750	5.1%

The highest number of EPA components taken in 2024 to 2025 was in the Business administrator apprenticeship standard (25,475 components taken, equivalent to 6% of all components taken).

Figure 8. Numbers of EPA components taken from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard.

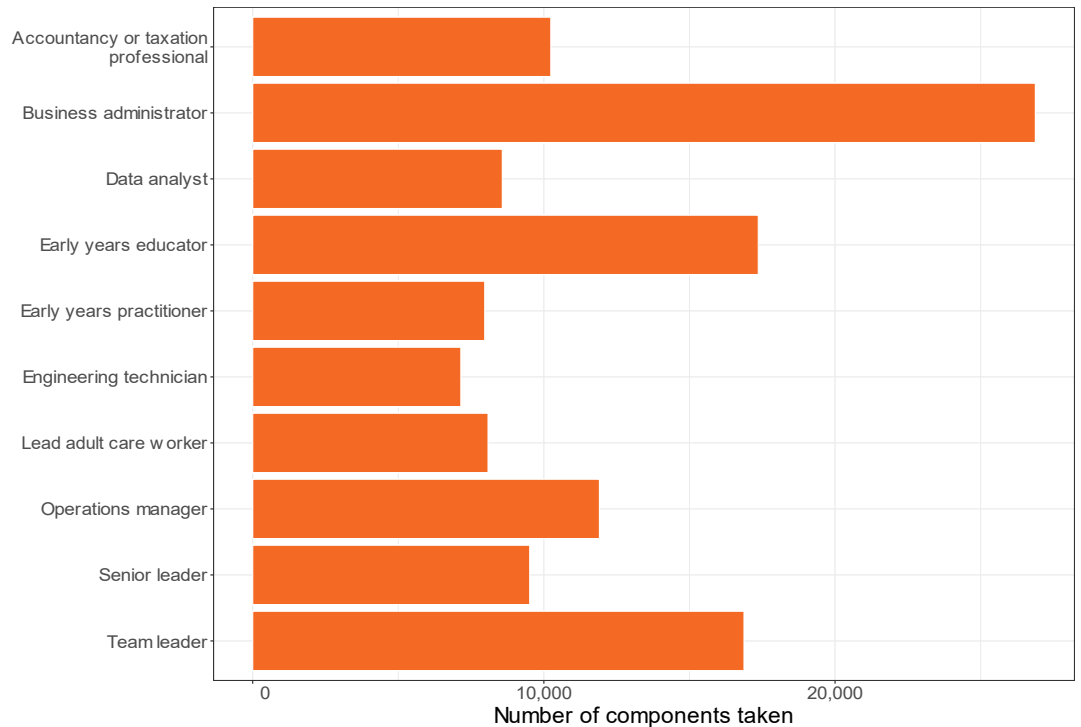


Table 8. Numbers of EPA components taken from 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard.

Standard	Number of components taken	Percentage of all components taken
Accountancy or taxation professional	10,240	2.4%
Business administrator	25,475	6.0%
Data analyst	8,575	2.0%

Early years educator	17,365	4.1%
Early years practitioner	7,970	1.9%
Engineering technician	7,150	1.7%
Lead adult care worker	8,085	1.9%
Operations manager	11,910	2.8%
Senior leader	8,315	2.0%
Team leader	16,875	4.0%

EPA completions by awarding organisation from 2024 to 2025

Awarding organisations (AOs) are organisations recognised by Ofqual to deliver regulated qualifications, such as EPAs. The full list of AOs can be found in Ofqual's [register of regulated qualifications](#).

Due to the large number of AOs available, in this report we will focus on the 10 AOs which had the greatest number of completed EPAs reported from March 2024 to February 2025. Numbers of components taken by apprentices are also shown for the same 10 AOs. These may not necessarily be the AOs with the most components taken and may not have been regulated by Ofqual in previous years. Data for all 139 AOs can be found in the [accompanying data tables](#).

City and Guilds of London Institute delivered the highest number of completed EPAs in 2024 to 2025 (18,610 EPAs completed, equivalent to 12.2% of all completed EPAs).

Figure 9. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by AO.

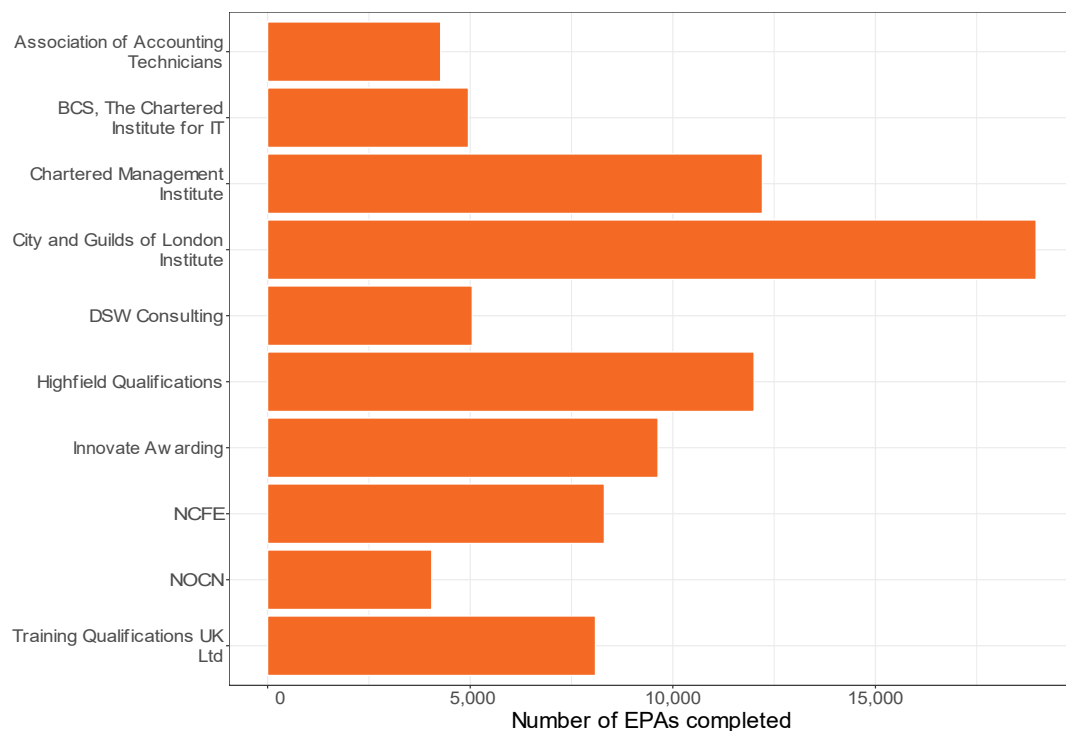


Table 9. Numbers of EPAs completed from 2024 to 2025 by AO.

Awarding Organisation	Number of EPAs completed	Percentage of all completed EPAs
Association of Accounting Technicians	4,045	2.6%
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	4,955	3.2%
Chartered Management Institute	12,210	8.0%
City and Guilds of London Institute	18,610	12.2%
DSW Consulting	5,050	3.3%
Highfield Qualifications	12,005	7.8%
Innovate Awarding	9,635	6.3%
NCFE	7,435	4.9%
NOCN	4,050	2.6%
Training Qualifications UK Ltd	8,090	5.3%

The AO assessing the highest number of EPA components in 2024 to 2025 was

City and Guilds of London Institute (25,475 components assessed, equivalent to 6% of all components assessed).

Figure 10. Numbers of EPA components assessed from 2024 to 2025 by AO.

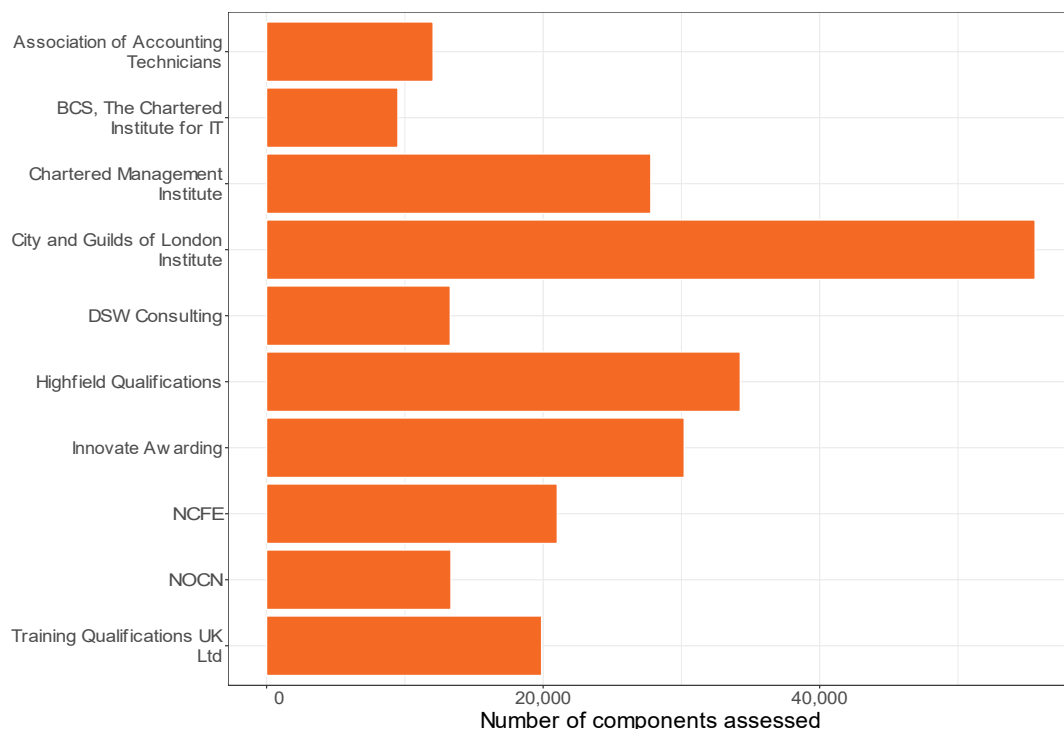


Table 10. Numbers of EPA components assessed from 2024 to 2025 by AO.

Awarding Organisation	Number of components assessed	Percentage of all components assessed
Association of Accounting Technicians	10,625	2.5%
BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT	9,495	2.2%
Chartered Management Institute	27,000	6.4%
City and Guilds of London Institute	55,555	13.1%
DSW Consulting	13,280	3.1%
Highfield Qualifications	34,255	8.1%
Innovate Awarding	30,200	7.1%
NCFE	17,925	4.2%

NOCN	13,330	3.2%
Training Qualifications UK Ltd	19,885	4.7%

EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025

EPA grades are awarded on a range of grading scales. Some standards only award pass grades. Of those standards that award grades higher than a pass, some will award only a merit, some will award only a distinction, and some will award both as a higher grade.

In 2024 to 2025, the greatest proportion of EPAs taken by apprentices were graded on a pass or distinction scale (72,160 EPAs, equivalent to 62.4% of EPAs where a single grading scale could be reported).

Note that due to changes to some apprenticeship standards and their associated assessment plans over time, it is not always possible to report a single grading scale for an EPA. Grading scale data presented in this report only covers those apprenticeship standards and their completed EPAs where a single grading scale was used this year (451 apprenticeship standards, 123,810 EPAs). In 2024 to 2025 a single grading scale could not be reported for 40 (8.2%) apprenticeship standards. Additionally, grade distributions are only shown for the grading scale and level, route, and standard combinations where there are at least 3 awarding organisations and at least 250 EPAs completed. Where this threshold is not met for that level, route, and standard this is shown as “insufficient data” in the charts and “[low]” in the tables.

Inferences between outcomes across apprenticeship levels, routes, or apprenticeship standards should not be made as they will depend upon the differing make-up of the cohorts taking them, and assessments will differ according to the requirements of a particular industry.

Grading scale data refers to proportions of all EPAs completed, not just those which were passed on the first attempt.

Table 11. Number and percentage of EPAs and standards by grading scale in 2024 to 2025.

Grading scale	Number of EPAs taken	Percentage of EPAs taken	Number of apprenticeship standards	Percentage of apprenticeship standards
Pass or fail	11,485	9.9%	30	6.7%
Pass or	440	0.4%	5	1.1%

merit

Pass or distinction	72,160	62.4%	303	67.2%
Pass, merit or distinction	31,580	27.3%	113	25.1%

As opportunities to resit or retake failed components are generally available to apprentices taking EPAs, “fail” grades are not routinely reported for overall EPAs. Therefore, this report also presents data on the proportion of EPAs where apprentices passed each component (and therefore the overall EPA) at the first attempt, compared to EPAs where apprentices needed to resit or retake any component at least once. In 2024 to 2025, 90.8% of EPAs (139,040 of EPAs) passed all required components at the first attempt.

Note that grade distributions are only shown for the grading scale outcomes where there is data to show. Where there is no grade used for that grading scale this is left blank in the charts and shown as “[z]” in the tables to denote this is not applicable.

Figure 11. Overall EPA outcomes for each grading scale (pass, merit or distinction, pass or merit, and pass or distinction) awarding grades that are pass and above.

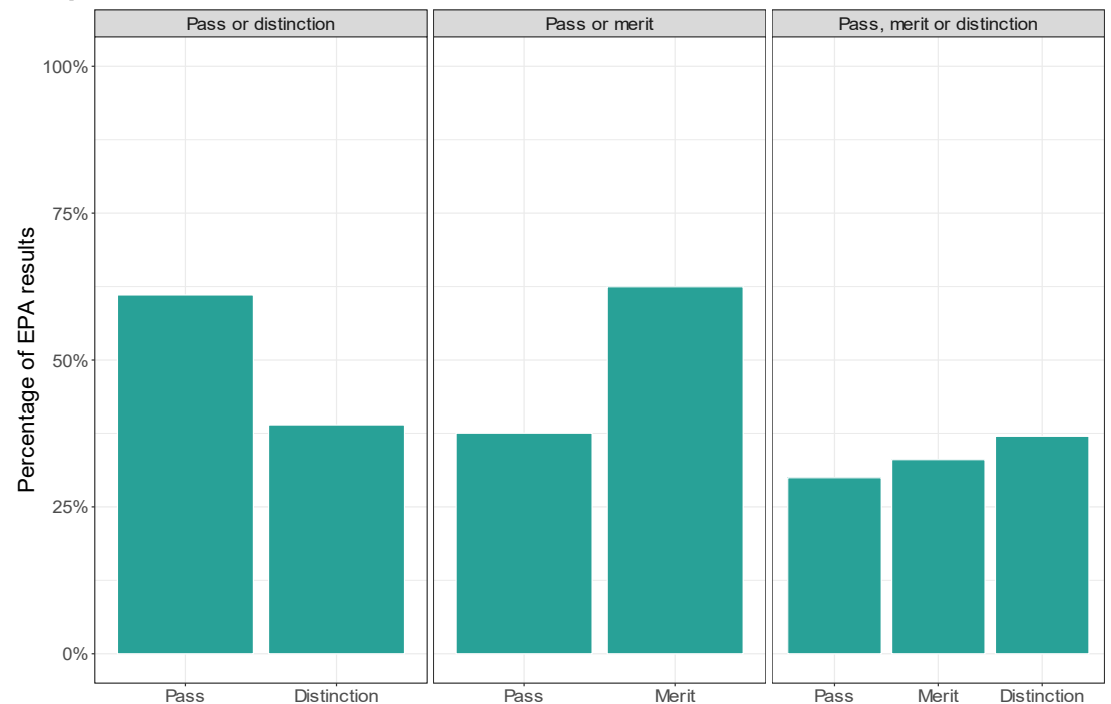


Table 12. Overall EPA outcomes for each grading scale (pass, merit or distinction, pass or merit, and pass or distinction) awarding grades above a pass.

Grade	Pass or distinction	Pass or merit	Pass, merit or distinction
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Pass	61.1%	37.5%	30.0%
Merit	[z]	62.5%	33.0%
Distinction	38.9%	[z]	37.0%

EPA outcomes by apprenticeship level

In 2024 to 2025, grade distributions varied across levels and grading scales. The proportion of EPAs resulting in a grade higher than a pass being awarded ranged from 33.5% (for level 6 EPAs graded pass or distinction) to 94.9% (for level 6 EPAs graded pass, merit or distinction).

Note that grade distributions are only shown for the grading scale and level combinations where there are at least 3 awarding organisations and at least 250 EPAs completed. Where there is no grading scale for that level this is shown as “[z]” in the tables to denote this is not applicable. Where there is a grading scale for that level but the data is insufficient to show it will show as a grey bar with “insufficient data” in the chart and be denoted as [low] in the tables.

Figure 12. EPA outcomes by apprenticeship level.

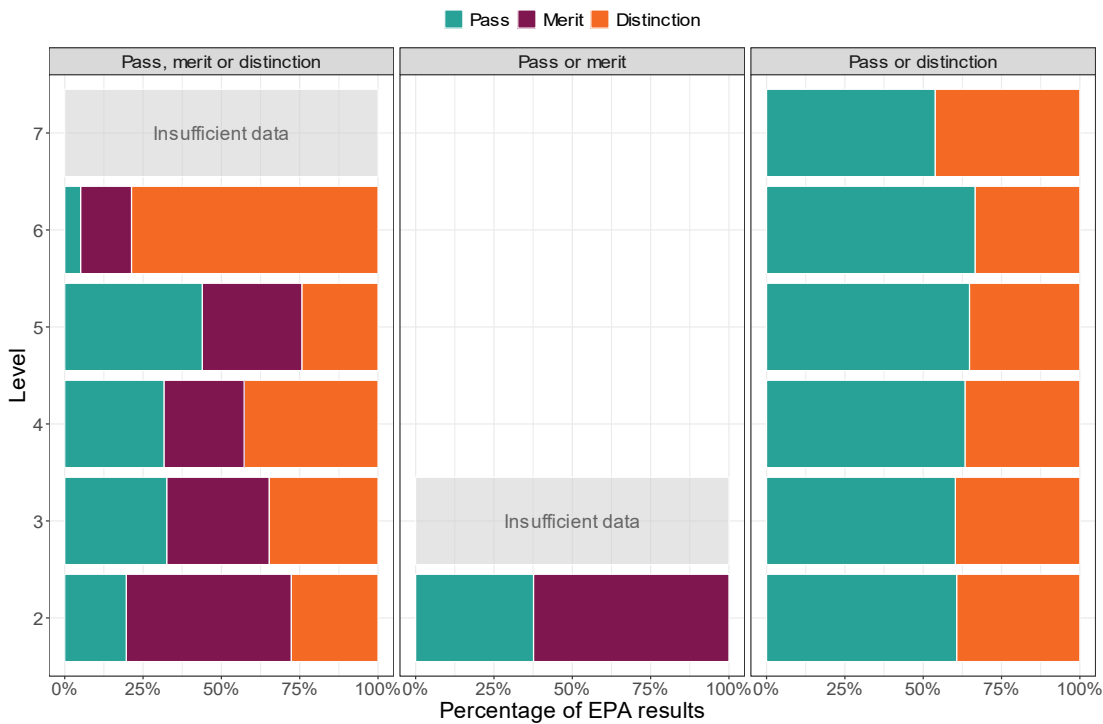


Table 13. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level (pass, merit or distinction).

Level	Pass, merit or distinction:	Pass, merit or distinction:	Pass, merit or distinction:	Completed EPAs: pass, merit or distinction
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	pass	merit		
2	19.6%	52.6%	27.7%	4,495
3	32.5%	32.7%	34.8%	15,615
4	31.7%	25.6%	42.7%	7,115
5	43.9%	31.8%	24.3%	1,490
6	5.1%	16.2%	78.7%	1,440
7	[low]	[low]	[low]	[low]

Note: [low] indicates where values have been suppressed due to low numbers.

Table 14. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level (pass or merit).

Level	Pass or merit: pass	Pass or merit: merit	Completed EPAs: pass or merit
2	37.6%	62.4%	410
3	[z]	[low]	[low]
4	[z]	[z]	[z]
5	[z]	[z]	[z]
6	[z]	[z]	[z]
7	[z]	[z]	[z]

Notes:

[low] indicates where values have been suppressed due to low numbers.

[z] indicates where no grading scales of this type exist at this level.

Table 15. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level (pass or distinction).

Level	Pass or distinction: pass	Pass or distinction: distinction	Completed EPAs: pass or distinction
2	60.7%	39.3%	21,950
3	60.2%	39.8%	33,855

4	63.3%	36.7%	8,840
5	64.8%	35.2%	4,560
6	66.5%	33.5%	775
7	53.8%	46.2%	580

In 2024 to 2025, first attempt pass rates ranged from 89.7% at level 2 to 96.5% at level 7. In level 5, 6 and 7 EPAs, first-attempt pass rates exceeded the overall first-attempt pass rate (90.8%), whereas first-attempt pass rates in level 2, 3 and 4 EPAs were lower than the overall first-attempt pass rate across all levels.

Figure 13. First-attempt EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level.

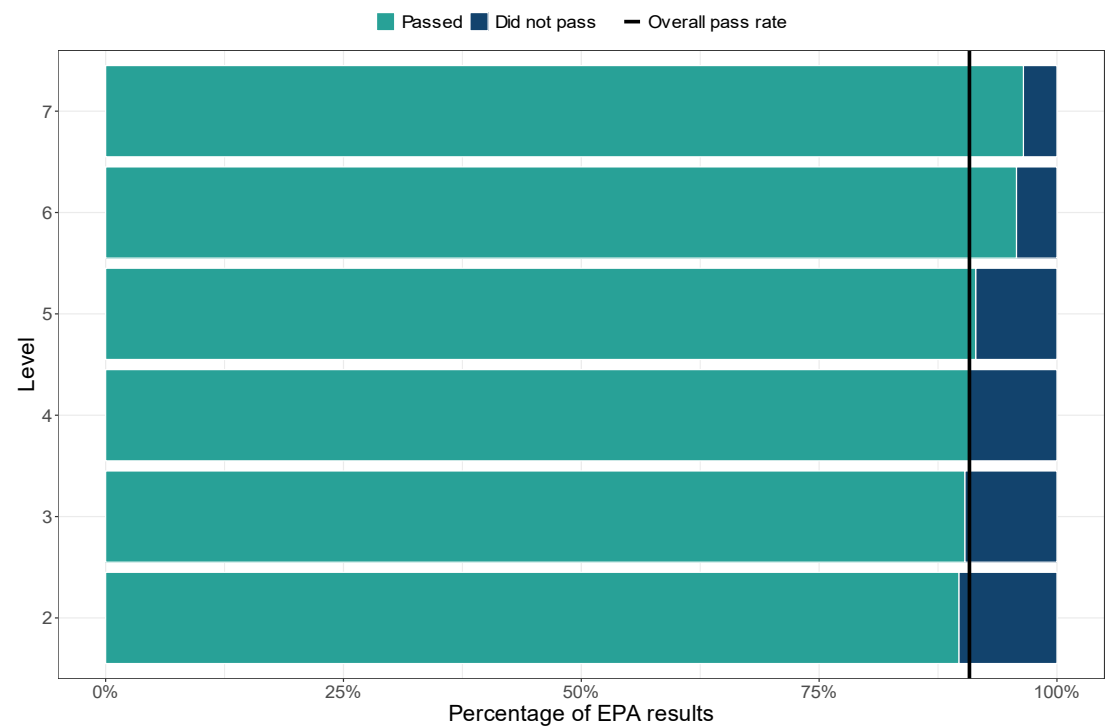


Table 16. First-attempt EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship level.

Level	Passed	Did not pass	Completed EPAs
7	96.5%	3.5%	9,615
6	95.7%	4.3%	3,055
5	91.5%	8.5%	11,565
4	90.7%	9.3%	18,140
3	90.3%	9.7%	72,305
2	89.7%	10.3%	38,480

EPA outcomes by route

In 2024 to 2025 EPAs in the care services route - which were graded on a pass, merit or distinction scale - had the highest proportion of grades above a pass awarded (82.7%). EPAs in hair and beauty which were graded on a pass or distinction scale had the lowest proportion of grades above a pass awarded (13.0%).

Note that grade distributions are only shown for the grading scale and route combinations where there are at least 3 awarding organisations and at least 250 EPAs completed. Where there is no grading scale for that route this is left blank in the charts and “[z]” in the tables. Where there is a grading scale for that route, but the data is insufficient to show, this is presented as “insufficient data” in the chart and [low] in the tables.

Figure 14. EPA outcomes by route.

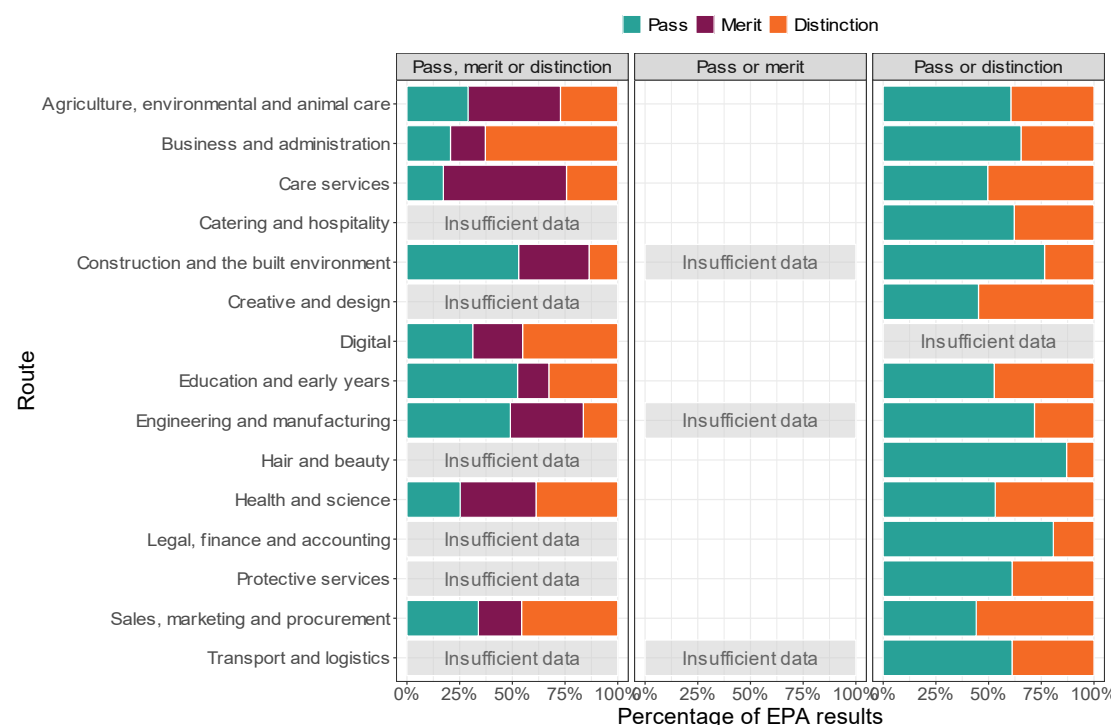


Table 17. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by route (pass, merit or distinction).

Route	Pass, merit or distinction: pass	Pass, merit or distinction: merit	Pass, merit or distinction: distinction	Completed EPAs: pass, merit or distinction
Agriculture, environmental	29.0%	43.8%	27.2%	1,045

and animal
care

Business and administration	20.7%	16.5%	62.8%	2,610
Care services	17.3%	58.4%	24.3%	6,700
Catering and hospitality	[low]	[low]	[low]	[low]
Construction and the built environment	53.0%	33.4%	13.6%	1,220
Creative and design	[low]	[low]	[low]	[low]
Digital	31.2%	23.7%	45.1%	10,810
Education and early years	52.5%	14.8%	32.7%	830
Engineering and manufacturing	49.1%	34.6%	16.3%	2,350
Hair and beauty	[low]	[low]	[low]	[low]
Health and science	25.3%	36.0%	38.8%	1,650
Legal, finance and accounting	[low]	[low]	[low]	[low]
Protective services	[low]	[low]	[low]	[low]
Sales, marketing and procurement	33.9%	20.5%	45.6%	2,495
Transport and logistics	[low]	[low]	[low]	[low]

Table 18. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by route (pass or merit).

Route	Pass or merit: pass	Pass or merit: merit	Completed EPAs: pass or merit
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Agriculture, environmental and animal care	[z]	[z]	[z]
Business and administration	[z]	[z]	[z]
Care services	[z]	[z]	[z]
Catering and hospitality	[z]	[z]	[z]
Construction and the built environment	[low]	[low]	[low]
Creative and design	[z]	[z]	[z]
Digital	[z]	[z]	[z]
Education and early years	[z]	[z]	[z]
Engineering and manufacturing	[low]	[low]	[low]
Hair and beauty	[z]	[z]	[z]
Health and science	[z]	[z]	[z]
Legal, finance and accounting	[z]	[z]	[z]
Protective services	[z]	[z]	[z]
Sales, marketing and procurement	[z]	[z]	[z]
Transport and logistics	[low]	[low]	[low]

Table 19. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by route (pass or distinction).

Route	Pass or distinction: pass	Pass or distinction: distinction	Completed EPAs: pass or distinction
Agriculture, environmental and animal care	60.6%	39.4%	2,965
Business and administration	65.4%	34.6%	13,050
Care services	49.6%	50.4%	4,060

Catering and hospitality	62.1%	37.9%	2,575
Construction and the built environment	76.6%	23.4%	3,530
Creative and design	45.2%	54.8%	335
Digital	[low]	[low]	[low]
Education and early years	52.7%	47.3%	11,850
Engineering and manufacturing	71.8%	28.2%	8,170
Hair and beauty	87.0%	13.0%	925
Health and science	53.2%	46.8%	4,560
Legal, finance and accounting	80.7%	19.3%	4,735
Protective services	61.1%	38.9%	3,105
Sales, marketing and procurement	44.1%	55.9%	7,595
Transport and logistics	61.1%	38.9%	2,960

In 2024 to 2025 first-attempt pass rates were the highest for EPAs in the digital (96.3%) route. The lowest first-attempt pass rates were recorded for EPAs in the catering and hospitality (80.1%) route. First-attempt pass rates in the catering and hospitality, engineering and manufacturing and legal, finance and accounting routes were lower than the overall first-attempt pass rate across all routes (90.8%) and were the lowest compared to the other routes shown.

Figure 15. First-attempt EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by route.

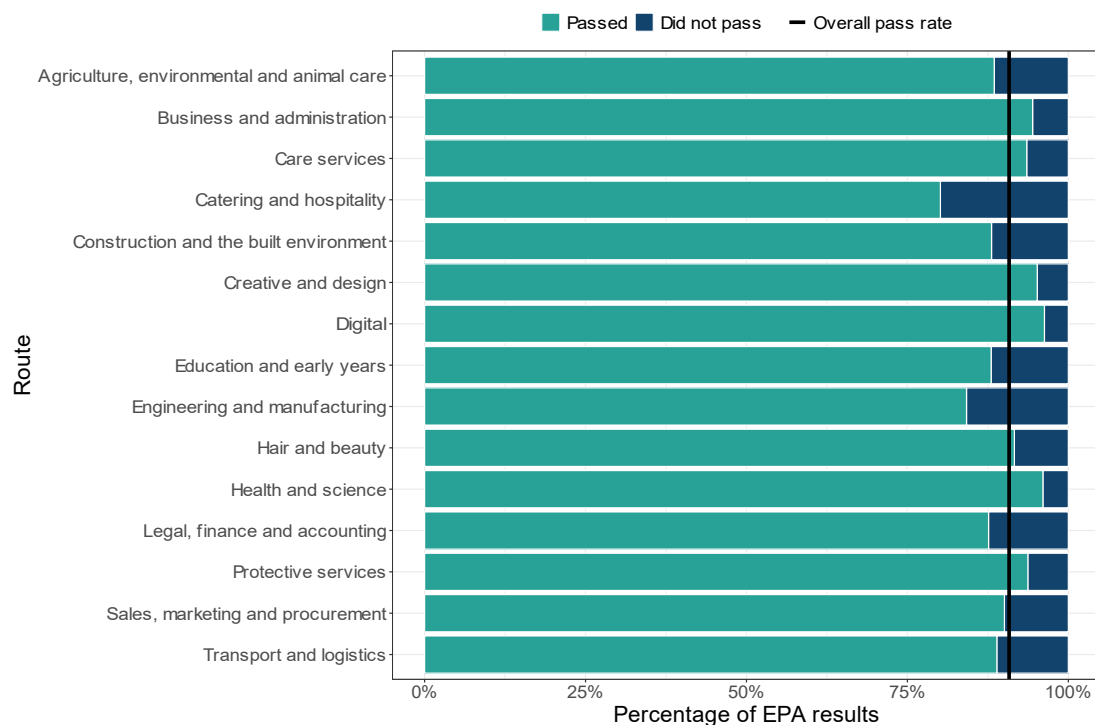


Table 20. First-attempt EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by route.

Route	Passed	Did not pass	Completed EPAs
Agriculture, environmental and animal care	88.5%	11.5%	4,010
Business and administration	94.5%	5.5%	34,780
Care services	93.5%	6.5%	10,760
Catering and hospitality	80.1%	19.9%	4,870
Construction and the built environment	88.1%	11.9%	11,935
Creative and design	95.2%	4.8%	765
Digital	96.3%	3.7%	10,965
Education and early years	88.0%	12.0%	15,035
Engineering and manufacturing	84.2%	15.8%	15,600
Hair and beauty	91.6%	8.4%	3,425
Health and science	96.1%	3.9%	11,130
Legal, finance and accounting	87.6%	12.4%	11,695
Protective services	93.7%	6.3%	3,115

Sales, marketing and procurement	90.1%	9.9%	10,110
Transport and logistics	88.9%	11.1%	4,960

EPA outcomes by apprenticeship standard

In March 2024 to February 2025 proportions of grades awarded varied across apprenticeship standards. Due to the large number of standards available, in this report we are focusing on the 10 standards which had the greatest number of completed EPAs reported from March 2024 to February 2025. Data for all 63 standards where there are at least 3 awarding organisations and at least 250 EPAs completed can be found in the [accompanying data tables](#). Note where there is no grading scale for a standard this is left blank in the chart and “[z]” in the tables.

Figure 16. EPA outcomes by apprenticeship standard.

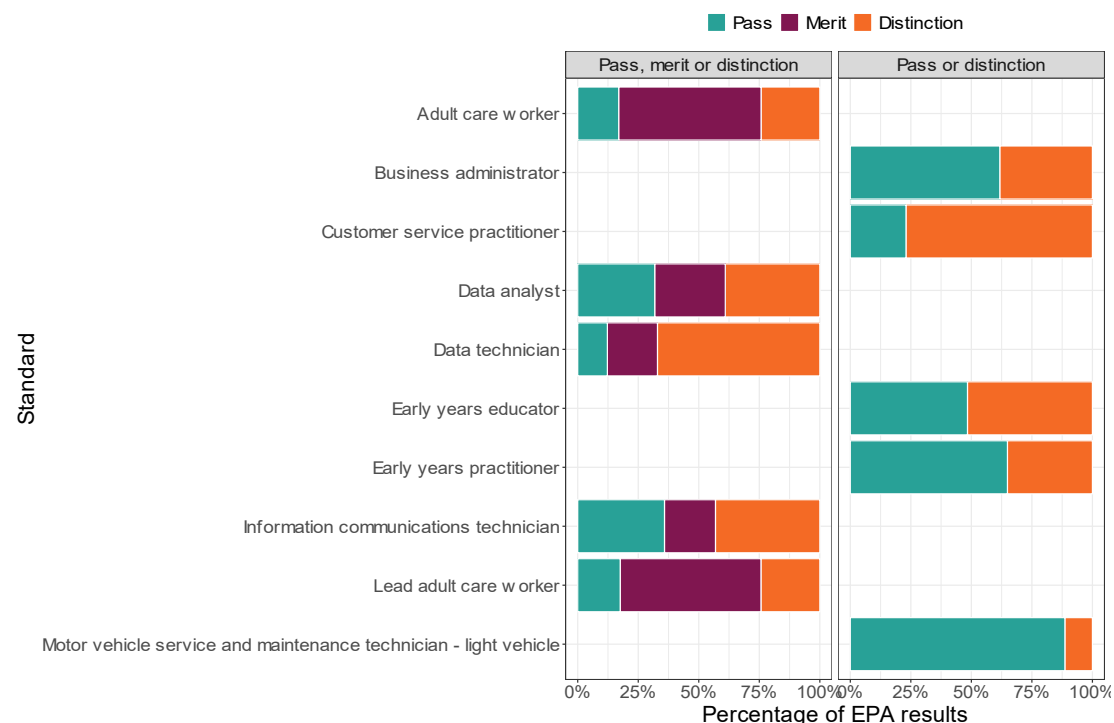


Table 21. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard (pass, merit or distinction).

Standard	Pass, merit or distinction: pass	Pass, merit or distinction: merit	Pass, merit or distinction: distinction	Completed EPAs: pass, merit or distinction
Adult care worker	16.9%	58.8%	24.3%	2,895
Business	[z]	[z]	[z]	[z]

administrator

Customer service practitioner	[z]	[z]	[z]	[z]
Data analyst	31.8%	29.1%	39.0%	3,315
Data technician	12.2%	20.7%	67.1%	2,370
Early years educator	[z]	[z]	[z]	[z]
Early years practitioner	[z]	[z]	[z]	[z]
Information communications technician	35.8%	21.1%	43.1%	2,410
Lead adult care worker	17.5%	58.1%	24.3%	3,805
Motor vehicle service and maintenance technician - light vehicle	[z]	[z]	[z]	[z]

Table 22. EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard (pass or distinction).

Standard	Pass or distinction: pass	Pass or distinction: distinction	Completed EPAs: pass or distinction
Adult care worker	[z]	[z]	[z]
Business administrator	61.7%	38.3%	7,975
Customer service practitioner	23.0%	77.0%	2,555
Data analyst	[z]	[z]	[z]
Data technician	[z]	[z]	[z]
Early years educator	48.4%	51.6%	7,565
Early years practitioner	64.9%	35.1%	3,525
Information communications technician	[z]	[z]	[z]

Lead adult care worker	[z]	[z]	[z]
Motor vehicle service and maintenance technician - light vehicle	88.6%	11.4%	1,820

In March 2024 to February 2025, first-attempt pass rates in EPAs for engineering technician, early years practitioner and early years educator apprenticeships were lower than the overall first-attempt pass rate (90.8%) across all standards. First-attempt pass rates in EPAs for all other apprenticeship standards exceeded the overall first-attempt pass rate.

Figure 17. First-attempt EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard.

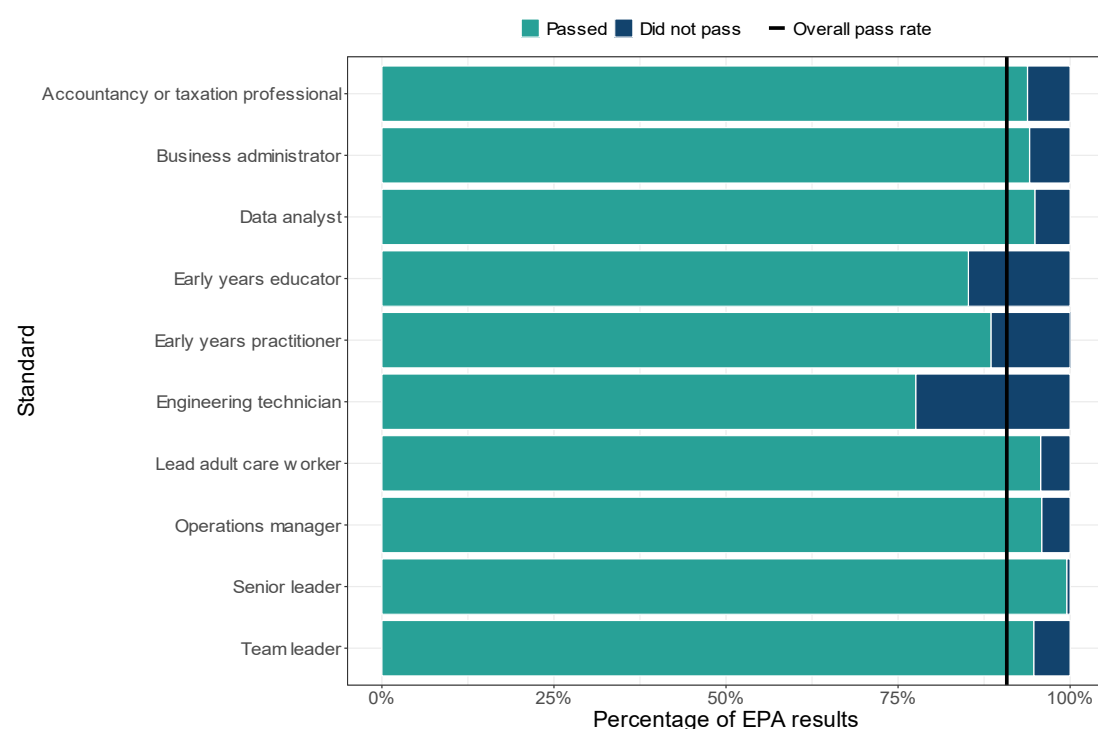


Table 23. First-attempt EPA outcomes in 2024 to 2025 by apprenticeship standard.

Standard	Passed	Did not pass	Completed EPAs
Accountancy or taxation professional	93.8%	6.2%	4,635
Business administrator	94.1%	5.9%	7,975
Data analyst	94.9%	5.1%	3,315
Early years educator	85.2%	14.8%	7,565
Early years practitioner	88.5%	11.5%	3,525

Engineering technician	77.6%	22.4%	3,100
Lead adult care worker	95.7%	4.3%	3,805
Operations manager	95.9%	4.1%	5,495
Senior leader	99.5%	0.5%	4,050
Team leader	94.7%	5.3%	7,750

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