

Gas Engineer + Smart Meter Installer Apprenticeships

Gas Engineer Level 3 and Smart Meter Installer Level 2 apprenticeships are a great way to prepare your business for the future.



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Apprenticeship Structure

Each standard covers a specific occupation and sets out the core skills, knowledge and behaviors an apprentice will need.

Standard Level 2 and Level 3

Our courses are designed to suit newcomers and experienced operatives looking to up-skill to current standards. All delivered by knowledgeable, qualified and passionate industry professionals.

The basic structure of the apprenticeship is that learners serve up to 14 month Level 2 and 18 month Level 3 apprenticeship with 20% 'off the job' training carried out in our Stockport or Bromsgrove training centre and 80% of 'on the job' through placement at the company.

Taking on an apprentice supports recruitment needs, reduces cost in both recruitment and wages, and allows the apprentice to be trained and developed in the manner which the company culture requires.

During the apprenticeship monthly progress reports can be sent to keep employers fully informed and up to date with apprentice development. Employers have input to ensure progress is in line with your needs.

These will include details of core competencies, behaviours, attitudes and abilities – which are further reinforced through mentor while on placement.



Level 2 and Level 3 training

This training is ideal for existing operatives and new entrants wanting to access the industry.

Level 2 Smart Meter Installer (dual fuel)

Aimed at:

Gas Engineers and new entrants wanting to access the industry.

Key information:

- Term – up to 14 months with 20% off job training (12 weeks) as part of the course.
- End point assessment in final 3 months - must have Functional skills at Level 1 by end test ECTA will support this where necessary, though if already in place this will not be required as part of Apprenticeship Standard.
- Achievement of the Diploma gives training equivalent to CMA1 and MET1 ACS Gas examinations and allows registration with Gas Safe but **does not** provide a route into other areas within the ACS gas scheme without extra training.

Level 3 Apprenticeship Standard Gas Engineer

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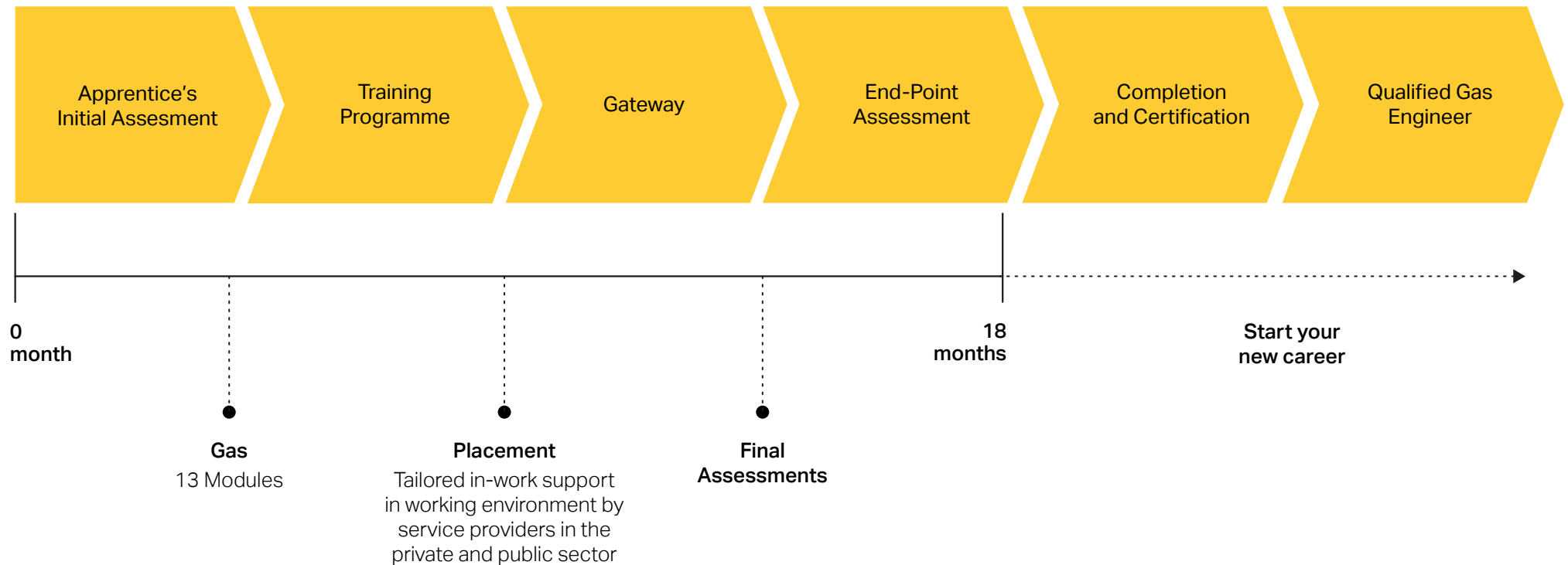
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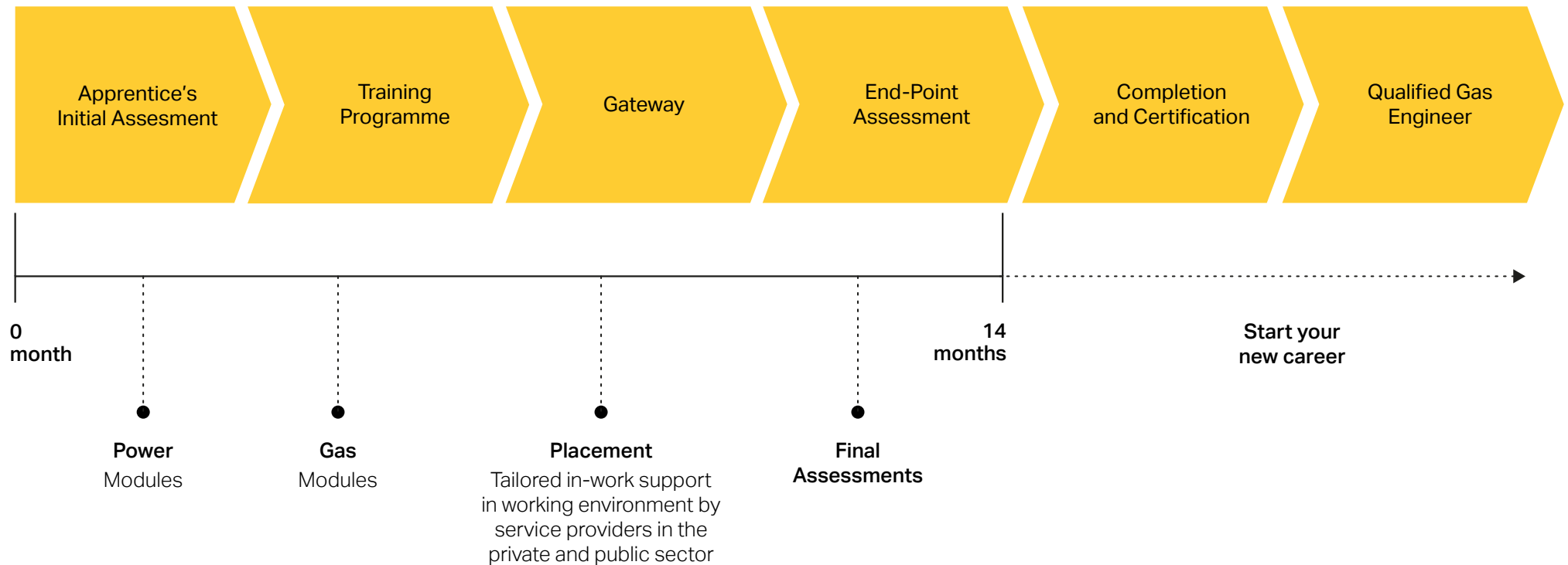
- Term – up to 18 months with 20% off job training (16 weeks) as part of the course.
- End point assessment in final 3 months - must have Functional skills at Level 2 by end test ECTA will support this where necessary, though if already in place this will not be required as part of Apprenticeship Standard.
- On successful completion candidates are able to apply to join Gas Safe register, IGEM (Institution of Gas Engineers) and Eng Tech (Engineering Technician).

ECTA can deliver Level 2 and Level 3 to both Levy and Non-levy companies, for details please contact us directly on **0161 480 5656**.

Learning journey: Gas Engineer



Learning journey: Smart Meter Installer



Non-levy paying

Non levy payers (small employers with less than 50 staff) will have 90% of Apprenticeship funding paid for and will only contribute 10%.

90%

amount
government contribute

10%

amount you have
to contribute

£3.50

minimum wage
for apprentices

£1k

grant per 16-18yr
old apprentice

100%

training costs paid by
Government*

*Only valid for small employers
(fewer than 50 employees) taking
on a **16-18 year old** apprentice.

Levy paying

The levy will apply to both public and private employers across all sectors with a payroll bill in excess of £3m a year.

0.5%

of your payroll goes to
the HMRC for the levy

15k

allowances back
per annum

£3.50

minimum wage
for apprentices

£15k

grant per 16-18yr old
apprentice

24

month time limit to
spend your allowance

NIC

no NIC payments for
apprentices under 25

Our approach to apprenticeship

ECTA have developed Apprenticeship routes to meet the emerging and existing needs of the industry.

Apprenticeships routes have been designed to ensure skills gaps are planned for and supported, providing a seamless support and learning package to support employers' staff and contract needs.

Delivery of training is designed to compliment on-going business and minimise disruption. After initial training apprentices will work on site with a mentor to develop their skills and gain practical industry experience.

Delivery is conducted in two ways:

1. At training centre where knowledge, theory and practical training and testing will take place to agreed standards
2. On site through placement activity with employer (knowledge put into practice and apprentice trained in working ways of company)

ECTA can support you with contracts for taking on an apprentice if you require, as part of our service.

During apprenticeships employers can pay £3.50 for first year of apprenticeship (rising to age specific minimum wage afterwards).

83% of employers said they relied on apprentices to develop a skilled workforce for their future and reduce staff turnover.



Why train with ECTA?

We've been training the best people in the Gas, Electrics, Renewables and Water industries for over 10 years.

Industry expertise

ECTA have a proven track record of delivering quality training to companies both large and small throughout the UK for 12 years. Our 16,000 sq ft training centre in Stockport is dedicated to offering the best resources and facilities possible, and our dedicated gas training rooms offer a wide range of scenarios to prepare you for the realities of working in real-life situations.

Our team of industry experts are highly qualified and have a wealth of experience giving an extra dimension to our training programmes. We've been training the pros for years, and some of the biggest companies in the UK trust us to train their teams.

We are always adding extra courses, to cover new sectors and the latest innovations, which all means you'll be getting great quality training to set you up for a rewarding future.

Free parking is available in our car park. We are just 5 minutes from Junction 27 on the M60, and close to major rail links.

You can take a tour of the centre on our website at www.ectatraining.co.uk

"I was really impressed with the depth of knowledge displayed by both the training and assessment teams. I highly recommend."

Peter Lamb



Other ECTA routes into the gas industry

If an apprenticeship route is not what you're looking for then ECTA also offer the following fast track courses...

Gas Engineer Managed Learning Programme

A Managed Learning Programme (MLP) is a training programme, which allows candidates new to the gas industry to undertake a period of 'off the job' training (7 weeks for the standard Domestic Gas Engineer route). Followed by 20 weeks of "on the job" training under the supervision of a Gas Safe Registered engineer.

Once you have successfully completed both parts of the MLP, you will be eligible to undertake ACS assessments, which are required to get Gas Safe Registration. This is the shortest route now available for new entrants to the industry, and means you could be a qualified gas engineer in approximately 6 months.

Level 2 Diploma in Smart Metering (Dual Fuel)

This is a full time programme of study, and involves classroom based training, practical workshop training, home study and a mentored work placement which will be organised by our specialist partnered recruitment companies.

The course is assessed by means of written question papers, practical assessments and a portfolio of work carried out during the mentored work placement. Summative assessments for the Level 2 Diploma and ACS Domestic Gas Metering are to be completed in the final week of the programme.



Get in touch

If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with a member of our team

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