

Keeping End Point Assessment on Track during Coronavirus (COVID 19)

To keep EPA on track IOM Communications Ltd is working flexibly with our EQA body and our customers to provide remote assessment opportunities where possible. This will enable apprentices to complete assessment remotely (even at home, if required).

As currently IOM Communications Ltd are not conducting any on-site EPA we are now providing apprentices with the ability to complete their professional discussions with viva remotely from their home, if needed. We are following the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IFATE) guidance to support this.

If you have apprentices ready to go through the Gateway and remote assessment is not suitable for them, then please still complete and return the EPA Booking Request Form and we will arrange for the EPA to take place as soon as on-site EPAs are allowed again by the government.

We will continue to work with the Department for Education, the IFATE, Open Awards, and other regulators to identify any suitable alternative assessment methods and review our position. Please discuss this with us so we can proactively and collaboratively work with you during this challenging time.

Support and Communication

We know that you will have a lot of specific questions, which relate to your apprentices and the situations you might be encountering. To help with this we have created a list of *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* to set your mind at ease and to support you at this challenging time.

As you are aware, this is a constantly evolving situation and we will continue to change and adapt our approach in line with the latest guidance and communicate this to you as soon as we can. Government advice is changing daily, and we are constantly being updated on the latest guidance through IFATE. We will try our best to keep you as informed as soon as possible so please read and check our regular updates.

We recognise these are extraordinary times for all of us. We want to assure you that we are doing all that we can to still provide a high level of quality service to you and your apprentices at this difficult time.

Our EPA Team are still here to provide you with support. At the current moment please contact them via epa@iom3.org during our core office hours 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday.