



Energy & Environment Awards Newsletter

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Assessment Plan Review Update

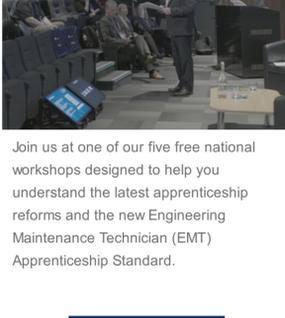


Major changes to apprenticeship assessment are on the horizon.

Skills England has released the first list of standards set for revision under the 2025 reforms - several of which we currently deliver end-point assessment for.

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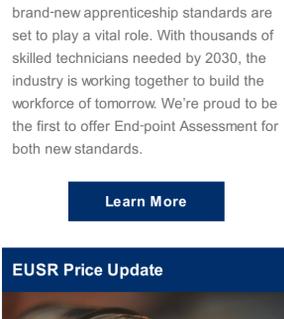
Apprenticeship Reforms and What They Mean for You



Join us at one of our five free national workshops designed to help you understand the latest apprenticeship reforms and the new Engineering Maintenance Technician (EMT) Apprenticeship Standard.

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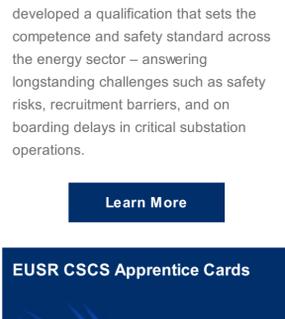
Two New End-Point Assessments



The energy and utilities sector is gearing up for a low-carbon future - and two brand-new apprenticeship standards are set to play a vital role. With thousands of skilled technicians needed by 2030, the industry is working together to build the workforce of tomorrow. We're proud to be the first to offer End-point Assessment for both new standards.

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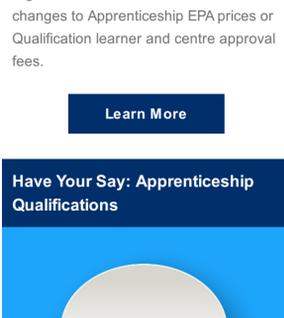
Collaboration delivers new Substation Fitter Qualification



Through close collaboration with industry, Energy & Environment Awards has developed a qualification that sets the competence and safety standard across the energy sector – answering longstanding challenges such as safety risks, recruitment barriers, and on boarding delays in critical substation operations.

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EUSR Price Update

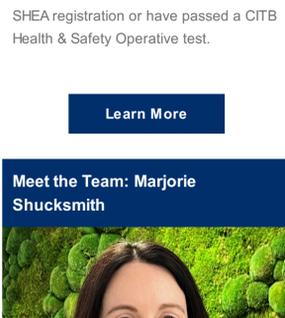


The energy and utilities sector is growing fast, and we're proud to support you in developing the safety-critical skills it needs. While rising costs affect us all, we've worked hard to keep essential services affordable.

From 1 April 2026, only the EUSR registration fee will increase - with no changes to Apprenticeship EPA prices or Qualification learner and centre approval fees.

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EUSR CSCS Apprentice Cards



The EUSR Apprentice card is a free virtual card available for individuals undertaking an apprenticeship for a role in the utilities sector. The card is a CSCS Partner card which means it can be used to gain access to a construction site for industry experience in support of training.

All individuals must also hold an EUSR SHEA registration or have passed a CITB Health & Safety Operative test.

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Have Your Say: Apprenticeship Qualifications



We expect to develop new apprenticeship qualifications to replace end-point assessments in line with the reforms announced by Skills England. To shape these qualifications, we will consult with employers and training providers to understand what works and what needs improving. This is your chance to influence the next generation of apprenticeship qualifications.

Involvement is minimal, typically one or two Teams meetings plus an optional survey. If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch.

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Meet the Team: Marjorie Shucks Smith



Marjorie Shucks Smith joined Energy & Utility Skills Group in 2025, where she helped develop and enhance several EUSR schemes, including Utility Excavations, HVDC Awareness and the CSCS card offer. Since January 2026, Marjorie has stepped into the role of Senior Assessment Manager, overseeing the development and maintenance of our full portfolio of qualifications and apprenticeship assessments. With more than 15 years' experience in qualification and assessment design, she ensures our products are robust, high-quality and aligned with the needs of regulators, employers and learners.

[Meet the Team](#)



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