

End Point Assessment (EPA) resits and retakes procedure

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A 'resit' does not require further learning whereas a 'retake' does.

When an Apprentice's result notification recommends a re-take, the college will work with the employer and consider a supportive action plan that responds to the weaknesses identified from the original EPA result notification, stating the nature and extent of the re-training and, where possible, include the estimated time to prepare the Apprentices for the re-take.

The timescales and fee for a retake have been agreed between the college, employer and EPAO and this was communicated to the employer at the commencement of the apprenticeship.

A resit involves the Apprentice sitting one or more failed assessment components again, without the need to undertake further training.

Following failure of EPA, the EPAO will provide a result statement showing the assessment components the Apprentice has failed and that no further training is needed. Some [EPA plans](#) set out specific criteria for resits which need to be followed.

A resit cannot be taken with the intention of increasing the original grade if an Apprentice has passed their EPA. Resits are only to be taken in the event of a failure.

The Employer has responsibility for the majority of their Apprentice's training. Employers are expected to financially support Apprentices until completion, including paying the cost of resits, when necessary. Resits are ineligible costs and are not funded by the ESFA.

The EPAO and college are not responsible for resit costs but may agree to contribute based on the circumstances presented. For example, the college may contribute to the cost of a resit if the Apprentice fails a theoretical element of the training.

Apprentices cannot be asked to pay for costs of training and assessment and are not responsible for resit costs.

The number of resits that can be taken by an Apprentice will be at the discretion of their employer, unless the assessment plan limits this to one.

The ESFA recommends a limit of two resits, however more than two resits can be taken if needed, unless otherwise specified in the assessment plan.