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British  
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## News Release

# Help shape the future of our industry apprenticeships

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education has launched a major review of apprenticeships for Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care in England and the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) is now encouraging its members to have their say through an [online consultation](#).

The review will recommend changes to our existing apprenticeships and set the priorities for apprenticeships in our industries going forwards. A consultation supporting this review is now open until 4 December. It is relevant to employers, training providers, apprentices and others who have a vested interest in the future of the occupations covered.

These include:

- Arborist
- Forest Operative
- Horticulture / Landscape Operative
- Horticulture / Landscape Supervisor

By engaging with the consultation, BALI, alongside 60 leading industry organisations representing the trailblazer group for arboriculture, forestry, horticulture and landscape industries, hopes that apprenticeships will meet the needs of employers, learners and training providers and influence the future of apprenticeships in our industries.

The Institute's Chief Executive, Sir Gerry Berragan, said: **"The work that's been done so far by all the employers and stakeholders with developing apprenticeships has been hugely appreciated."**

He continues, **"This review will help us improve the quality of those apprenticeship standards to make sure they meet the needs of both employers and apprentices. This is a great opportunity for those who are involved with apprenticeships in these occupations to have their say and I look forward to seeing some of the feedback."**

The Institute will publish recommendations resulting from this route review in Summer 2020.

Dr Jude Capper, Route Panel Chair for the Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care, said **"It is great to be starting to review Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care apprenticeships, to make sure that**

**they're of the highest quality and meet the demands of both employers and apprentices. I'd encourage everybody with an interest to provide feedback. This will help us create the very best apprenticeships that we can and to find new ways to improve, ensuring apprenticeships remain innovative and future-proof."**

To take part in the consultation click [here](#).

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

The consultation can be found online [here](#).

Further questions on the consultation, or the trailblazer committee, please contact Ros Burnley [ros@adrow.co.uk](mailto:ros@adrow.co.uk). A range of high-resolution images are available on request.

Groups of employers (trailblazers) have been leading the way in developing apprenticeships in England. The arboriculture, forestry, horticulture and landscape industries became involved in 2014 and gained government approval to develop apprenticeships in four occupations at the end of that year. The trailblazer has approximately 60 organisations involved from across the industries concerned.

Apprenticeship standards have been developed through the apprenticeship reform programme by employers, because they are best placed to understand their skills training needs, with support from the Institute and Education and Skills Funding Agency. Their predecessors, apprenticeship frameworks, will be switched off from next year.

The Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care apprenticeship standards to be reviewed are:

[ST0223 – Arborist](#)

[ST0224 – Forest operative](#)

[ST0209 – Golf Greenkeeper](#)

[ST0225 – Horticulture and landscape operative](#)

[ST0210 – Sports Turf Operative](#)

[ST0429 – Pest Control Technician](#)

[ST0226 – Landscape/ Horticulture Supervisor](#)

[ST0017 – Stockperson \(beef, pigs, sheep, dairy\)](#)

[ST0166 – Equine Groom](#)

[ST0167 – Senior Equine Groom](#)

[ST0398 – Animal Trainer](#)

'Routes' are groupings of apprenticeship standards structured around similar occupations. There are 15 routes in total and this latest 'route review' is focusing on Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care standards. It will also

look at how the Occupation Map for this route to skilled employment, which is maintained by the Institute and charts different technical education learning options, should be updated. This is the latest route review to be launched by the Institute.

### **About the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)**

Founded in 1972, The British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI) is the UK's leading trade association for landscaping professionals; promoting, supporting and inspiring over 900 Registered organisations and individuals, including Contractors, Designers and Affiliate members.

Working across over 50+ disciplines, including hard and soft landscaping, playground installation, irrigation and design facility, BALI members are vetted against the highest standards of excellence. BALI members have been transforming domestic and commercial landscapes for over 45 years, deploying the very best skills and the latest products and materials to deliver projects that not only renovate spaces but also inspire future generations to enjoy the rich and diverse landscapes around them.

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