

# GTA England news

**WEEKLY  
UPDATE**

GTA England weekly update 31st July 2019

City & Guilds

## Member opportunity : Lead EPA role for the MOET Standard

Within our partnership with City & Guilds, the key role of Lead EPA for the MOET Standard is sought to being filled from a GTA England member.

City & Guilds are essentially seeking commitment in principle to be able to commit to 25 days per year. The ability to fill those 25 days is dependent on the volume of registrations and the Assessor's availability. Note - therefore we cannot guarantee 25 days a year. Likewise, the circumstance may arise where we ask some Assessors if they are able to do more than 25 days.

The person specification for the Lead EPA can be found in the Members area of the website. Similarly, the person specifications for EPA for the Engineering Fitter L3, Engineering Operative L2, Metal Fabricator L3 and Maintenance & Operations Engineering Technician have also been uploaded to the GTA England website.

Members Day discussed how critical it is that we release staff to become trained in EPA as we support the building of capacity to enable EPA to be delivered "by members for members" under licence to our partners.

A short video explaining the role EPA assessors can be accessed here ([link for video](#))

We also learned that the contract by City and Guilds is amended to include: ability for 6 months notice to be called by either party; inclusion of travel costs for EPA in certain scenarios.

The slides include typical timelines for the operationalisation of the above standards. Note that City & Guilds plan to meet the ESFA requirement to indicate their intention to register for the above standards to enable starts from October to be registered.

## Hot Topics from the Members Day 23rd July 2019

We have uploaded the below information to the Members area of the GTA England website within Members Resources

- ◆ Slides from the Members day
- ◆ City & Guilds person specifications for EPA roles
- ◆ Levy transfer information document and Companies requiring Levy transfer form
- ◆ Behaviour Guides/printable Booklets - The GTAE Behaviour guides for Apprentices, Employers and Providers. In PDF form and publisher should you want to edit the document.
- ◆ GTA England 10 year celebration information sheet (to be completed)

## RCU Data Benchmarking Service

The GTA Benchmarking Service will be releasing the first interactive reports on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The report will include a comparison of your provision against the GTA Benchmark by learner and apprenticeship characteristics. The report also includes comparisons against the national picture. Qualification achievement rate benchmarks are presented within the report along with rankings against all providers. The report has been produced in Microsoft Excel and includes filters and selections to allow you to interact with the data.

If you have any questions or problems accessing your report, please email [gta@rcu.co.uk](mailto:gta@rcu.co.uk) or call 01772 734855.



## Hot Topics continued Members Day 23rd July 2019

### GTA England 10th Anniversary

Dear Members,

I am writing to ask for your help.

We have reached a landmark in our history - GTA England was launched ten years ago. From a small group of like-minded GTAs and band of unsung heroes, we have grown in size and confidence and are now a significant part of the skills landscape. At this year's annual conference, in November, we plan to mark our 10 year anniversary in various ways, including a short publication and video summarising the journey of GTA England and featuring members. For GTA England it is a ten year journey, for GTAs, it would also be helpful to chart the whole journey, from early days until today.

The publication is aimed at a broad audience, including key stakeholders and will include individual stories, with photos from the archives and key facts and figures. It will showcase the progress of both individual members and GTA England highlighting why the GTA model delivers for both employers and learners.

We know that many GTAs have materials charting and celebrating their history and achievements and to get this project off the ground it would help enormously if you could send us anything you have which might help. For example photographs, or press cuttings - anything which tells your GTA story and ideally adds a human touch to the statistics. We've also created a short questionnaire which will help us to put together some key points. [Link to questionnaire](#). Of course it may also be useful simply to talk about the old days and your progress over the years, through good times and less good. If so we can meet or arrange phone calls.

Steph Whalley (the Company Secretary and founding CEO of GTA England) will be supporting myself and Mark in coordinating this activity – so please send your information or meeting/call request to

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I hope you can help. It would be good to mark this 10 year milestone in our progress.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

*Tom Wilson*

### **Levy transfer funding— helping employers to invest 25% from their levy in SMEs**

We are actively engaged with a number of companies in the principles of helping to transfer levy resources to members employers.

We hope this helps with the current impasse with non-levy contracts.

A paper has been posted in the Members area shows how the GTA England network can support levy paying employers with how the transfers process will work, including identifying companies if you are considering transferring some funds to another employer.

Members are invited to complete a spreadsheet identifying which employers would be open to receiving funding from levy paying organisations. Guidance is contained in the Members area of the website: Members day 23rd July 2019 folder.

# Apprentices' Mate App & OPTU Call to Action

The contracting stage with Ufi for the development of the Engineering Apprentices' Mate app has now been completed and our Project Implementation Document has been signed off. This means the work can now start in earnest. We've had meetings with AMRC Factory 2050, part of the University of Sheffield who are developing the app and the app User Management Interface, essential for GTAs to up-date and continue to develop future app content without heavy reliance on specialist IT support. AMRC Training have agreed to lead on the Machining Strand which will benefit the early testing stages of the app and management user interface.

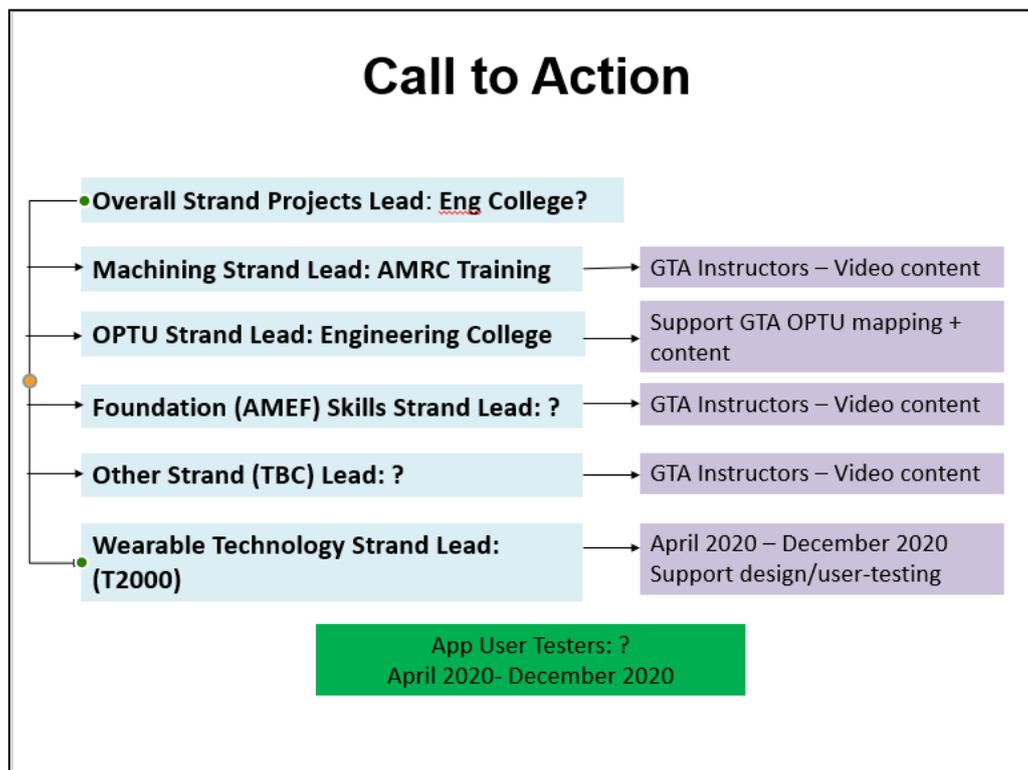


Discussions on how the app links to On Programme Training Units (OPTU) have been held with The Engineering College and as a result they have agreed to lead an OPTU Strand which will map OPTUs to Standards and to content within the app, so that a progression route through the materials can be made. The Engineering College have shared the work they've been doing in bringing drawings to life for their apprentices and this feature is now to be incorporated into the app.

As part of GTA England's Engineering Apprentices' Mate app project we need your help to identify what machines are being used across our network to deliver the Machining Standards. Please complete this short survey providing the manufacturer, model and approximate age for each machine you are using: CNC, milling, lathes etc. By asking for this information we hope to be able to identify commonly used machinery in terms of make and/or model. You can complete the survey using this link <https://tinyurl.com/GTA-machine-survey>



Thank you to everyone who helped in the previous Ufi project developing the prototype app and to those who expressed an interest at the GTA Annual Conference, we will be contacting you. If you haven't yet expressed an interest or would like to sign up for a specific role (see below), we now need your help. We need more Strand Leads (and we need to know what you think the fourth strand should be), we need GTAs who are willing to make video content, 3D model content and quizzes. Once built we will need apprentices/instructors to user test the app. To discuss any aspect of the project or your involvement email Gavin Smith [Gsmith@peta.co.uk](mailto:Gsmith@peta.co.uk) and Sally Betts [sallybetts@ideas4learning.co.uk](mailto:sallybetts@ideas4learning.co.uk)



Thank you in anticipation of your support and we look forward to working with you on this exciting project.

# GTA England News, Training Events & Webinars



Date/Time	Mode	Venue	Title	To register click on link
28th August 2019	Workshop	JTL	SAR & QIP writing best practice – Trevor Alley	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sar-qip-writing-best-practice-trevor-alley-tickets-58135685400">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sar-qip-writing-best-practice-trevor-alley-tickets-58135685400</a>
18th & 19th September 2019	Workshop	JTL	Peer Review training	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peer-review-training-trevor-alley-tickets-58137800727">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peer-review-training-trevor-alley-tickets-58137800727</a>
19th November	Evening Meal	The MTC	GTA England 10th Anniversary celebratory evening meal	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gta-england-10th-anniversary-celebratory-evening-dinner-mtc-tickets-64164487710">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gta-england-10th-anniversary-celebratory-evening-dinner-mtc-tickets-</a>
20th November	Conference	The MTC	GTA England Annual Conference	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gta-england-annual-conference-tickets-64164487710">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gta-england-annual-conference-tickets-64164487710</a>

**Members - If you have any problems registering on to any Event or finding any documents from the latest Members day— please contact [Lesley.Powles@gtaengland.co.uk](mailto:Lesley.Powles@gtaengland.co.uk)**

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