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NSAN Approved as an Apprentice Assessment Organisation

The National Skills Academy Nuclear (NSAN) is pleased to announce that it is now an approved Apprenticeship Assessment Organisation (AAO) for the Nuclear Health Physics Monitor (NHPM) Apprenticeship.

Organisations working in nuclear utilising the newly developed NHPM apprenticeship standard will find NSAN listed on the government's Register of Apprentice Assessment Organisations (RoAAO)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/using-the-register-of-apprentice-assessment-organisations>.

Apprentices in England are undergoing a radical transformation. All apprentices must now undergo End Point Assessment (EPA) at the end of their apprenticeship. An independent organisation must be responsible for carrying out the EPA of each apprentice so that all apprentices are consistently and fairly assessed to the same standard. Only organisations listed on the register are able to provide EPA.

Jean Llewellyn OBE, Chief Executive of NSAN commented:

"Supporting nuclear organisations in their end-point assessment needs is a natural progression for NSAN. We plan to provide similar services for other nuclear industry occupations, as new apprenticeship standards become available."

Over the past 2 years working with the Nuclear Employer Trailblazer Group, chaired by Sellafield Ltd, NSAN has provided extensive support to the co-ordination and

development of 5 Nuclear Trailblazer Standards and Assessment Plans (NHPM; Nuclear Science and Nuclear Engineer; Nuclear Welding Inspection Technician; Nuclear Operative and Nuclear Technician).

Working with employers, NSAN on behalf of industry are currently managing and coordinating the development of the EPA requirements for the approved and published apprenticeship standards.

NSAN will utilise over a decade of experience of working closely with industry at the forefront of skills development and requirements to provide an apprentice assessment service which will deliver high quality, effective and skilled apprentices.

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Notes to editors

The National Skills Academy for Nuclear is a 'not for profit' membership organisation that exists to improve the performance of companies in the nuclear industry through collaboration and action on skills. NSAN is aiding in improving skills in the nuclear industry by setting the highest standards of excellence, leading the sourcing and provision of skills solutions and expanding our sector's capabilities. NSAN works collaboratively to deliver outstanding levels of service, enhancing the value we provide to members.

NSAN was approved by government on the 24th September 2007. NSAN is currently celebrating its 10th anniversary during 2017.

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