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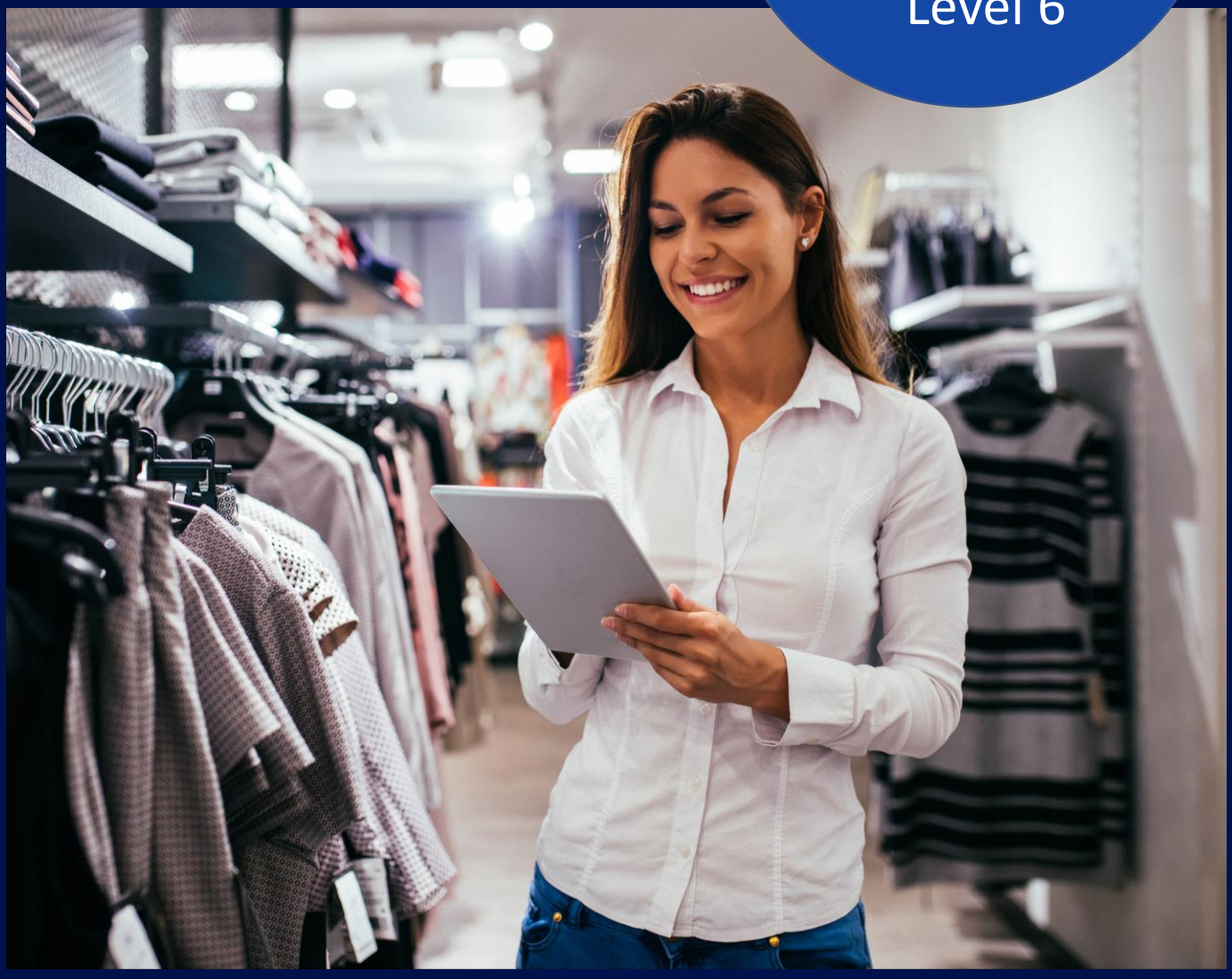
Assistant Buyer and Assistant Merchandiser

Level 6



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Apprenticeships

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Assistant Buyer and Assistant Merchandiser

Level: 6
Duration: 18-20 months

Entry Requirements:

- Candidates should already be working as an Assistant Buyer or Buyer or as an Assistant Merchandiser or Merchandiser.
- The entry requirement for this apprenticeship will be decided by each employer but may typically be five GCSEs at grade C or higher.

Overview:

The Assistant Buyer and Assistant Merchandiser qualification is a great way to learn and implement new skills, knowledge and behaviours within an Assistant Buyer/Buyer or Assistant Merchandiser/Merchandiser role.
This apprenticeship is suitable for Assistant Buyers or Assistant Merchandisers who typically work within the retail sector; however, this could be across a range of different companies; for example, trading through stores, exclusively online and those who operate through a variety of channels.

Key responsibilities are likely to include; understand the brand and customer in order to source, select, maintain and deliver the right products to meet demand and business objectives; use effective business forecasting, risk and opportunity analysis, creativity and business insight to anticipate and shape customer demand and market trends.

Qualification Awarded:

- Assistant Buyer and Assistant Merchandiser Apprenticeship Standard
- Functional Skills Maths
- Functional Skills English

Key Topics:

- Overall product portfolio and brand image
- Current and future buying and loyalty behaviours
- Key factors that influence UK and global markets
- Customer and competitor analysis
- And much more…

Assessment Methods:

A variety of assessment methods will be used to demonstrate knowledge and competence:

- Workbook
- Assignment
- Product evidence
- Reflective account
- Discussion
- Witness testimony
- Observation
- Presentation

End Point Assessment

End point assessment or “EPA” has been created to assess the knowledge, skills and behaviours gained throughout the qualification. EPA is conducted by an external independent body chosen by the employer. EPA offers the chance to showcase your skills and be awarded a grade that reflects your performance. EPA will consist of the below activities:

- Work based project with presentation and Q&A
- Professional Discussion