

Key differences between L-APC and DA-APC routes to Chartered Membership

1. General information

1.1 Introduction

In 2018 - 2019 a working group from colleagues in the Education and Membership Teams, overseen by the Membership Assessment Advisory Panel (MAAP), drafted the assessment plan for the new Degree Apprenticeship End Point Assessment (EPA). The Chartered Town Planner Degree Apprenticeship is the fourth and newest route to professional membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). The assessment plans for the Degree Apprenticeship End Point Assessment, have been approved externally by the government and the Institute for Apprenticeship and Technical Education (IfATE) and internally quality assured by MAAP.

Assessors will be provided with advice to assist assessments during the transition period.

1.2 How to use this document

As the Degree Apprenticeship Assessment of Professional Competence (DA-APC) is modelled on the Licentiate Assessment of Professional Competence, this document aims to explain the key differences between the two routes.



2. Changes to the guidance

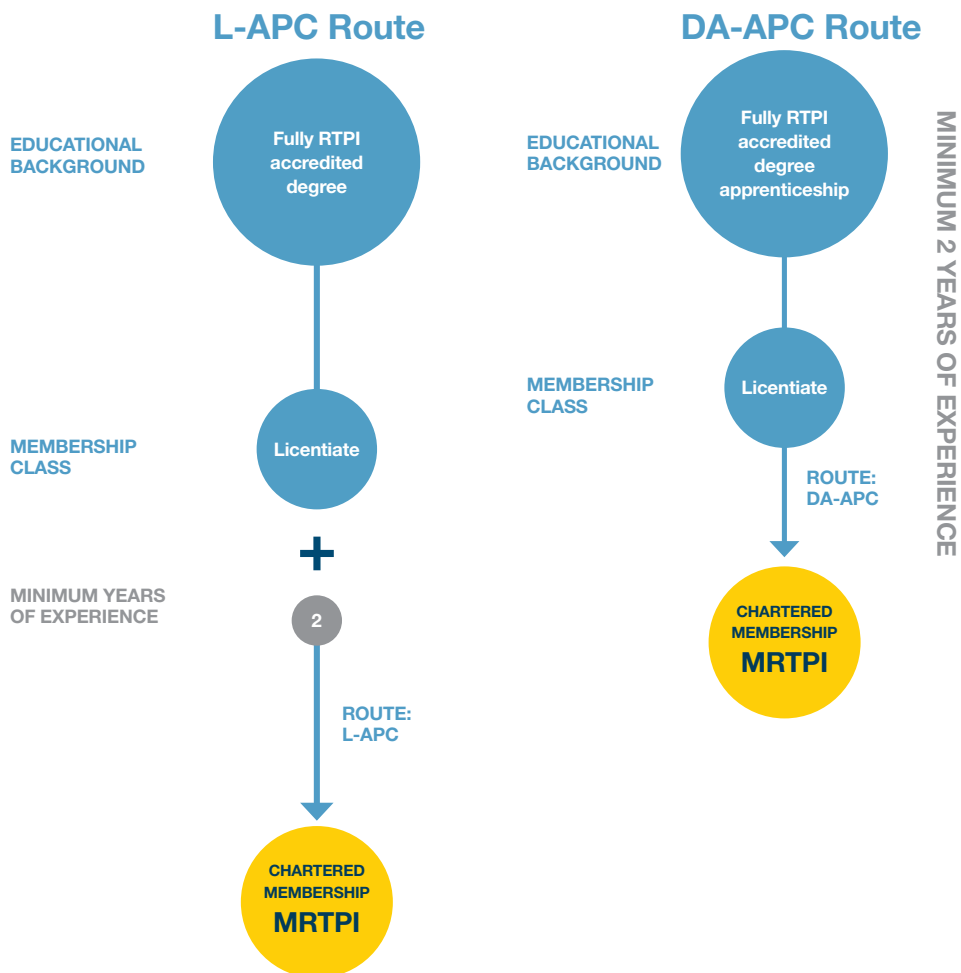
Differences between the L-APC and DA-APC

	L-APC	DA-APC
Eligibility requirements: Overview	<p>To be eligible to submit your L-APC application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be a current registered Licentiate of the RTPI. • You must have a fully RTPI accredited qualification. • You must have a minimum of 2 years' professional planning experience (full-time equivalent); at least 1 year of this experience must be gained whilst registered as a Licentiate. 	<p>To be eligible to submit your DA-APC application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be a current registered Licentiate of the RTPI. • You must have a fully RTPI accredited qualification. • You must be a Chartered Town Planner apprentice having passed through Gateway. • You must have a minimum of 2 years' professional planning experience (full-time equivalent) whilst a Chartered Town Planner apprentice. • You must successfully complete the Professional Discussion.
Eligibility requirements: Experience	<p>You must have a minimum of 2 years' professional planning experience (full-time equivalent).</p> <p>At least 1 year of this experience must be gained whilst registered as a Licentiate.</p>	<p>You must have a minimum of 2 years' professional planning experience (full-time equivalent).</p> <p>Your experience must be gained whilst registered as a Chartered Town Planner apprentice and can be a combination of pre- and post-Gateway.</p>
Eligibility requirements: Licentiate membership	<p>At least 1 year of your professional planning experience must be gained whilst registered as a Licentiate.</p>	<p>Apprentices are required to be registered as a Licentiate, however, there is no minimum length of time required.</p>
Submission requirements: Case Studies	<p>You must select 1 to 3 case studies to demonstrate the competencies.</p> <p>Your case studies must be from your two years' professional planning experience (full-time equivalent).</p>	<p>You must select 1 to 3 case studies to demonstrate the competencies.</p> <p>Whilst your 2 years' experience can be a combination of pre- and post-Gateway, your case studies must be undertaken post-Gateway and recorded in the Reflective Journal.</p>
Submission requirements: Reflective Journal	<p>Reflective Journal demonstrating a minimum of 12 months (full-time equivalent) of professional planning experience as a Licentiate.</p>	<p>Reflective Journal demonstrating a minimum of 12 months (full-time equivalent) of pre-gateway professional planning experience. The Reflective Journal must be continued post-gateway to include your case studies and other relevant experience up to the month of submission.</p>

2.1 Similarities in the submission process

	L-APC	DA-APC
APC Submission	<p>Both routes have the following in common:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submission is 5,500 words (+/- 10%) and consists of three parts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Experience Statement • Professional Competence Statement (10 competencies) • Professional Development Plan • Same deadlines for first time submissions and resubmissions 	

2.2 Route diagrams





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