

Accreditation of prior Learning and Experience for Green Deal Advice Functions

Green Deal Advisors

Reference	Unit Title	Level	Credit
ASTGDA1	Provide information to customers on the principles,	3	4
	financing and operation of the Green Deal		
ASTGDA2	Undertake home visits to carry out Occupancy	3	8
	Assessments and give advice		
ASTGDA3	Prepare and explain Domestic Green Deal Advice	4	6
	Reports		
ASTGDA4	Explain the Green Deal Advice Report to the domestic	3	4
	customer		
ASTGDA5	Carry out Non-domestic energy inspections to determine	4	10
	Operational Profile and give advice		
ASTGDA6	Prepare and issue Non-domestic Green Deal Advice	4	9
	Reports		
ASTGDA7	Explain the Green Deal Advice Report to the Non-	4	4
	domestic customer		

All Green Deal QCF units have been be colour coded:

- those outcomes in red are new, Green Deal specific and for which there will be no APEL
- those outcomes in blue contain content which could be recognised through APEL either
 - through the possession of a validated qualification

or

- through the review of a portfolio of evidence reviewed and validated by an Awarding Organisation

Green Deal Advisors

Title: Level:	ASTGDA1 Provide information to customers on the principles, financing and operation of the Green Deal		
Credit value:	4		
Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:		The learner can:	
		 1.1 Describe the role of Green Deal in improving energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption 1.2 Identify sources of information about Green Deal and how they are accessed by customers 1.3 Identify who is eligible for the Green Deal and the restrictions that apply 1.4 Identify the different types of tenure which affect the status of individuals 1.5 Identify the different processes to be undertaken relevant to different types of tenure 1.6 Identify the main roles and responsibilities of: the Green Deal Adviser the Green Deal Provider the Green Deal Installer 	Written energy advice given to occupiers with different tenure conditions and the different procedures and arrangements made in relation to: or A professional discussion on the implications of different tenures on the advice that can be given and activities undertaken in relation to:

	social rentedprivate rentedowner occupied
	 flats and apartment blocks houses in multiple occupation
Explain the function of the Energy Performance Certificate and how it contributes to the Green Deal process	Authenticated production of EPCs and how they were used in providing energy advice to customers. An explanation of the new EPC and the Green Deal component within it and how this impacts on the giving of energy advice.
Identify the eligible measures which can be funded under Green Deal	
Explain how the Green Deal is financed and repaid	
Explain the Golden Rule and its role in establishing the financial offer in Green Deal	
1.11 Explain how customers can access information about Green Deal Installers and Providers	

Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:	The learner can:	
Understand how to provide high quality, independent and impartial advice to customers	 2.1 Explain the components of the Green Deal Code of Practice including its impact on the service delivered to customers 2.2 Explain the ways of providing impartial advice and recommendations within Green Deal 2.3 Explain the legal safeguards available to customers in relation to mis-selling, credit agreements and redress for complaints 	Written evidence of guidance given to customers on their legal safeguards in relation to mis-selling. A professional discussion on how energy advisers can protect their clients/customers in relation to credit agreements. An explanation of the formal complaints procedures operating within the energy adviser's area and how codes of conduct and related protocols influence their professional conduct.
	 2.4 Explain the support available to eligible customers through the Energy Company Obligation subsidy and heating and other fuel benefits 2.5 Explain the permissions, consents and disclosure requirements operating in relation to Green Deal 2.6 Explain the specific protections and support available for vulnerable groups and 	Written evidence of having advised clients/customers of the support provided by ECO and related heating and fuel benefits Or A professional discussion on how the ECO and other heating and fuel benefits operate and its impact on the advice given by the energy adviser to clients/customers.
	customers under Green Deal 2.7 Explain the ways in which Green Deal can operate for rural customers, those who are	

	off the gas grid and for older properties	
	Identify energy efficiency measures, support and finance mechanisms outside the Green Deal	Written evidence of having advised clients/customers about the financial support available for a minimum of 5 of the following energy measures:
	2.9 Explain how customers can access information about energy efficiency measures, support and finance mechanisms outside the Green Deal	 ECO ECO Carbon Saving Obligation FITS RHS RHI MVHR CERT Affordable Warmth Obligation Waste, water and heat recovery Lighting systems Duct insulation and sealing Chillers Fan and pump driving devices
		Written evidence of having provided clients/customers with information on sources of information about the energy efficiency measures above.
Be able to provide customers with information on Green Deal to meet their needs	3.1 Explain to customers the purpose of Green Deal and its role in promoting energy	

efficiency

- 3.2 Identify for customers where further information and support about Green Deal can be accessed by customers
- 3.3 Explain to customers the role of the Green Deal Adviser and how they provide impartial advice and recommendations to customers
- 3.4 Inform the customer of their rights and protections under law in relation to Green Deal
- 3.5 Explain to customers how the assessment of energy performance is undertaken and the role of that assessment in the Green Deal process
- 3.6 Explain to customers the energy efficiency measures that can be funded through the Green Deal funding
- 3.7 Explain to customers the long term nature of cost savings arising from the installation of energy saving measures
- 3.8 Explain to customers how the funding offer is arrived at and who can provide financing
- 3.9 Explain to customers the role of the Green Deal provider as the funding agency
- 3.10 Explain to customers the role of the energy suppliers as collectors of payment via the energy bill

Written evidence of having advised clients/customers on the cost savings provided for a minimum of 10 of the following energy saving measures:

- Air source heat pumps
- Biomass boilers
- Biomass room heaters (including with radiators)
- Cavity wall insulation
- Cavity wall insulation (HTT)

	3.11 Explain to customers the permissions and consents that are required in order to take up Green Deal	 Cylinder thermostats District heating (not GD) Draught proofing Hot water showers (efficient) Hot water systems (efficient) Hot water taps (efficient) External wall insulation systems Fan-assisted replacement storage heaters Flue gas heat recovery devices Ground source heat pumps Heating controls (for wet central heating system and warm air system) Heating ventilation and air-conditioning controls (including zoning controls) High performance
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	external doors Hot water controls (including timers and temperature control) Hot water cylinder insulation Internal wall insulation (of external walls) systems Loft or rafter insulation (including loft hatch insulation) Waste, water and heat recovery Lighting systems Duct insulation and sealing Chillers Fan and pump driving devices
3.12 Explain to customers the Energy Company Obligation subsidy and the eligibility criteria for it	Written evidence of having advised clients/customers of the support available under by ECO Or
	A professional discussion on how the ECO operates and its impact on the advice given by the energy adviser to clients/customers

2.12 Explain to quotomore the heating and	
3.13 Explain to customers the heating and other fuel benefits that may be available under Green Deal and the eligibility criteria for them	
3.14 Provide information to customers on the Feed in Tariffs and Renewable Heat Incentive mechanisms and how they operate within Green Deal	
3.15 Explain to customers the impact of special requirements in relation to rural location, those off the gas grid or in traditional properties	Written evidence of having advised clients/customers on FIT and RHI mechanisms. An explanation of how they can operate within the new Green Deal arrangements. Or A professional discussion on how RHI
3.16 Respond to customer queries and signpost them to other information and services when required	mechanisms operate

		Written evidence of queries raised by clients and a list of the available information sources for a range of energy efficiency measures and support.
Additional information about the unit		
Unit aim(s)	This unit is about demonstrating a general understanding of the overall purpose of the Green Deal and how it operates and is financed.	
Unit expiry date		
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)	Developed from Asset Skills National Occupational Standards for Green Deal Advisors ASTGDA1	
Details of the relationship between the unit and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)		
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	Please refer to Asset Skills Assessment Principles at www.assetskills.org	
Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)	N/A	
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system		
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	Asset Skills	

Availability for use	Shared	
Equality & Diversity (Asset Skills use only)	Asset Skills has considered equality and diversity factors in a reasonable, practical and proportionate manner and that no barriers have been identified for learners to complete this unit.	
Guided Learning Hours	20	

Title:	ASTGDA2 U advice	ndertake occupancy assessments and give	
Level:	3		
Credit value:	8		
Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:		The learner can:	
Know how to conduct an occupancy assessment		 1.1 Explain why a home visit is needed in order to undertake an occupancy assessment for the purpose of Green Deal 1.2 Identify the range of data that is required from the customer to enable an occupancy assessment as defined by the prescribed methodology 1.3 Explain the methods used to obtain data and information 	Written evidence of having gathered data in order to produce one or more of the following types of energy related assessments: - EPC –domestic or non-domestic - Operational Rating

- 1.4 Explain how to make a methodical visual on-site inspection of a property
- 1.5 Identify the requirements of the prescribed methodology for the occupancy assessment
- 1.6 Specify the definitions and conventions that apply to the prescribed methodology for occupancy assessment
- 1.7 Identify the requirements of Codes of Practice or other guidance applying to the home visit
- 1.8 Describe how to identify gaps in information gathered and any additional data required to fill them
- 1.9 Explain the data protection requirements relating to customer's data
- 1.10 Identify the features of a property that may indicate that RdSAP is an inappropriate methodology for energy assessment
- 1.11 Describe how to assess the likely current energy performance of any property elements compared to its performance as originally built
- 1.12 Identify the performance and durability of materials and systems over time
- 1.13 Describe the functioning of building

- Display Energy certificates

Written evidence of the methods used to carry out a visual on-site inspection using a recognised appropriate methodology

An explanation of the definitions and conventions of the appropriate methodology

An explanation of the Codes of Practice and other guidance applying to the conduct of a the energy assessment

Written evidence of having gathered additional data

An explanation of the data protection requirements relating to customers' data

An explanation of the RdSAP methodology and the types of property/situations for which it is inappropriate

Written evidence of energy assessments which:

- compare current energy performance with new build performance
- Take into account the effectiveness of materials and systems over time
- Relate energy performance to

	services where this relates to energy performance	building services in place
Understand the methods of reducing energy consumption and achieving affordable warmth	Explain how to establish and clarify the needs, circumstances, motivations and capabilities of customers regarding energy consumption	Written evidence of having identified the client's/customer's needs, circumstances, motivations and capabilities in relation to energy consumption
	2.2 State the definition of a household in Fuel Poverty2.3 Explain how to recognise households at risk of being in Fuel Poverty	Written evidence of having identified and responded to fuel poverty issues in production of energy advice to clients/customers, taking into account the health implications
	2.4 Identify the types of poor health typically associated with energy inefficient housing	
	Identify the limits of own expertise in relation to Fuel Poverty and possible health outcomes	Own resource list of additional sources of
	Describe the sources of help and advice available for those at risk of Fuel Poverty or poor health associated with energy inefficient housing	information and support on Fuel poverty with an explanation of how and when this has been used to assist previous clients/customers
	Identify the features of a property that encourage mould growth and condensation	Written evidence of having given energy advice
	Identify the types of occupier behaviour that encourages mould growth and condensation	or recommended energy efficiency measures which specifically tackle:
	Describe the indicators of under heating of a property and their implications for the occupancy assessment	and of moduling

Identify the constraints that may affect the customer's ability to act	Explanation of the constraints experienced by clients and customers in relation to energy efficiency in previous work
2.11 Identify the sources of financial support available to customers including Green Deal finance and the Energy Company Obligation measures	List of the major financial support structures available to clients and customers and an explanation of their critical features including:
Identify the opportunities for the installation of energy efficiency measures	Written evidence of how opportunities for the installation of energy efficiency measures have been identified and capitalised on in previous energy advice to clients/customers including details of cost savings for a minimum of 10 of the following: Air source heat pumps Biomass boilers Biomass room heaters (including with radiators) Cavity wall insulation Cavity wall insulation (HTT) Cylinder thermostats District heating

	(not GD)
	 Draught
	proofing
	Hot water
	showers
	(efficient)
	Hot water
	systems
	(efficient)
	Hot water taps
	(efficient)
	External wall
	insulation
	systems
	Fan-assisted
	replacement
	storage heaters
	Flue gas heat
	recovery devices
	heat pumps
	Heating controls
	(for wet central
	heating system
	and warm air
	system)
	Heating
	ventilation and
	air-conditioning
	controls
	(including
	zoning controls)
	• High
	performance
	external doors
	Hot water
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2.14 Describe the landlord's responsibilities for compliance with legislation and obligations regarding property standards and energy efficiency in housing	cylinder insulation Internal wall insulation (of external walls) systems Loft or rafter insulation (including loft hatch insulation) Waste, water and heat recovery Lighting systems Duct insulation and sealing Chillers Fan and pump driving devices Written energy advice given to occupiers with different tenure conditions and the different procedures and arrangements made in relation to: or A professional discussion on the implications of different tenures on the advice that can be given and activities undertaken in relation to: - social rented
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		 private rented owner occupied flats and apartment blocks houses in multiple occupation
	 2.15 Explain how the occupier's use of installed appliances, systems and controls affect overall energy efficiency and fuel bills 2.16 Identify the efficient, safe and appropriate use of appliances, systems and controls 	Written evidence of having identified the impact of the occupier's use of appliances, systems and controls on overall energy efficiency and fuel bills and how they should be used to improve energy efficiency
	 2.17 Describe the main methods and products for controlling and managing: The use of water and minimising waste of water Waste reduction, re-use and re-cycling 	Written evidence of having advised on water usage and waste management as part of previous energy advice to clients/customers
	2.18 Describe the types of questions, issues and concerns that customers might have about the home visit and the occupational advice given	Evidence of having encouraged and responded to clients'/customers' issues and concerns in relation to energy efficiency measures and recommendations
	Identify the sources of information to which the customer can be referred for further help and advice	Own resource list of additional sources of information and support on energy efficiency with an explanation of how and when this has been used to assist previous clients/customers
Understand written records required for Inspection findings	3.1 Explain the methods, formats and conventions for recording information and evidence on the occupancy assessment 3.2 Identify the information and evidence required by the current occupancy	Written records of information gathered and recorded for specific energy assessment/advice activities including prescribed methodologies and conventions

	assessment methodology and associated guidance and conventions 3.3 Define the level of detail required to produce a complete and comprehensive Green Deal Advice Report 3.4 Explain how records can be used to justify decisions on the values recorded and the advice given	Written records of information gathered and how they were checked for accuracy and used to inform energy advice given An explanation of how and when values have
	3.5 Identify the evidence required to support the choice of the "unknown" value	been defined as "unknown" in previous energy assessments and investigations
	3.6 Explain the importance of storing information and records securely for future access and to meet Certification Scheme inspection requirements	Or A professional discussion on the possible reasons for choosing an "unknown" vale
	3.7 Explain the role and obligations of Certification schemes in respect of auditing records of inspection findings	An explanation of Certification Scheme requirements regarding information storage with evidence of compliance
Be able to conduct an occupancy assessment	4.1 Explain to customers the information they will need to provide for the occupancy assessment	Written evidence of requests for information and explanations of what information is
	4.2 Use appropriate methods to obtain relevant information from customers	required from clients/customers and the methods used to ensure the information was obtained
	4.3 Confirm that the customer is the person responsible for the property's fuel bills and has the authority to take action under the	

	Green Deal	
	4.4 Gather data and information from appropriate documentation to enable the occupancy assessment to take place	As above
	4.5 Establish that the RdSAP methodology is appropriate for identifying Green Deal energy efficiency measures in the property	
	4.6 Conduct a methodical visual inspection of the property in accordance with the prescribed methodology for the occupancy assessment	Written evidence of having conducted methodical visual inspections using an appropriate methodology including final
	4.7 Assess how the current condition of the property may affect its energy performance	inspection documentation Written evidence of how property condition has been recorded and taken into account when measuring energy performance in previous assessments and investigations
	4.8 Check for the presence of Carbon Monoxide Detectors in the property4.9 Seek confirmation that the Carbon	Explanation of how to carry out carbon monoxide detector checks
	Monoxide Detectors are working if present	
5 Be able to advise customers on methods of reducing energy consumption and achieving affordable warmth	5.1 Establish with customers their needs, circumstances, abilities, motivations and capabilities in relation to energy consumption reduction	Written evidence of having identified the
	5.2 Identify any constraints that might affect the customer's ability to act	client's/customer's needs, circumstances, motivations and capabilities in relation to energy consumption, including any constraints
	5.3 Provide advice which is consistent with the needs, circumstances, abilities, motivations	they are operating under and of having provided advice which responds to these

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5.4 Provide the customer with information about potential funding and financial support available to them	Own resource list of additional sources of information and support on energy efficiency with an explanation of how and when this has been used to assist previous clients/customers
5.5 Advise customers affected by fuel poverty and poor environmental conditions about the sources of help and advice available to them	Written evidence of having identified and responded to fuel poverty issues in production of energy advice to clients/customers, taking into account the health implications
	Own resource list of additional sources of information and support on Fuel poverty with an explanation of how and when this has been used to assist previous clients/customers
 5.6 Explain to customers how their current use of appliances, systems and controls affects: their energy consumption fuel bills thermal comfort risk of condensation 	Written evidence of having identified the impact of the occupier's use of appliances, systems and controls on overall energy efficiency and fuel bills and how they should be used to improve energy efficiency
 5.7 Provide information on the methods and products for achieving: the efficient management of water usage and minimisation of waste reduction, re-use and re-cycling of waste 	Written evidence of having advised on water usage and waste management as part of previous energy advice to clients/customers
5.8 Advise the customer of the limitations	Written evidence of having clarified the limitations on advice given and any formal

	on the advice given	disclaimers made to clients/customers
	5.9 Respond to customer queries, issues and concerns about the home visit and the occupational advice given	Evidence of having encouraged and responded to clients'/customers' issues and concerns in relation to energy efficiency measures and recommendations
6 Be able to maintain written records of inspection findings	 6.1 Create and maintain complete, accurate and legible records of findings including: Investigations carried out Values recorded Options considered 6.2 Justify decisions on values and the nature of the advice based on the records produced 6.3 Record clearly where information cannot be obtained and where data is recorded as "unknown" and why this action was unavoidable 6.4 Catalogue, secure and store records for the prescribed periods of time to ensure access for future use 	Written records of completed energy assessments and investigations which : - state investigations carried out - show all values recorded - list options considered - list selected options with reasons - identify reasons for attribution of "unknown" values - indicate how records will be kept secure
Additional information about the unit		
Unit aim(s)	This unit is about carrying out an occupancy assessment and giving advice on reducing energy use.	

Unit expiry date		
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)	Developed from Asset Skills National Occupational Standards for Green Deal Advisors ASTGDA2	
Details of the relationship between the unit and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)		
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	Please refer to Asset Skills Assessment Principles at www.assetskills.org	
Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)	N/A	
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system		
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	Asset Skills	
Availability for use	Shared	
Equality & Diversity (Asset Skills use only)	Asset Skills has considered equality and diversity factors in a reasonable, practical and proportionate manner and that no barriers have been identified for learners to complete this unit.	
Guided Learning Hours	40	

Title:	ASTGDA3 Prepare and issue domestic Green Deal Advice Reports		
Level:	4		
Credit value:	6		
Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:		The learner can:	
Understand the process of data for the domestic Gree Advice Reports		 1.1 Describe the prescribed format and content of a domestic Green Deal Advice Report 1.2 Identify the information required to produce a compliant domestic Green Deal Advice Report 1.3 Explain how to retrieve any pre-existing Energy Performance Certificates for the property and the underpinning data linked to it 1.4 Identify the range of energy efficiency measures that may be included within a domestic Green Deal Advice Report 1.5 Explain the principles underpinning the approved software used to prepare a domestic Green Deal Advice Report 	Written records showing the use of pre-existing EPCs as part of an energy assessment/investigation

1.6 Identify common areas of potential uncertainty or insufficient information which could affect value attribution	Explanation of the types of uncertainty and insufficiency of information that can affect value attribution and methods of obtaining required information
 1.7 Define the quality assurance checks to conduct on information to ensure that: Values are correct Energy efficiency measures are realistic and appropriate for the subject property 	Written evidence of how checks were conducted in previous energy assessments/investigations to ensure that values were correct and that proposed efficiency measures were realistic and appropriate for the property
 1.8 Define the circumstances in which items can be recorded as "unknown" as defined by conventions 1.9 Describe the consequences of recording an item as "unknown" or as built on the methodology's assessment process 	Explain when items can be recorded as "unknown" and the impact on the methodology's assessment process
1.10 Identify the implications for domestic Green Deal reports and energy efficiency measures when the conventions used in Green Deal assessments change	
1.11 Describe how to ensure that data is inputted correctly and how to review data if the calculation will not process	Written evidence of how checks were conducted in previous energy assessments/investigations to ensure that values were correct

Understand how to assess energy efficiency measures for the domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	2.1 Describe the relationship between the building fabric and building services and the impact on the energy assessment process and energy efficiency measures proposed	Written evidence of having taken into account the relationship between the building fabric and building services when carrying out previous energy assessments/investigations
	2.2 Explain how any future intentions for work on the property will affect the selection and ordering of work on energy efficiency measures	Explanation of how any future intentions for work on the property will affect the selection and ordering of work on energy efficiency measures
	2.3 Describe how to use approved software to generate energy efficiency measures that are bespoke to the property and its current occupier	Written records of outcomes from use of approved software and the energy efficiency measures recommended as a result for specific properties, with a description of its unique features and the applicability of the selected energy efficiency measures
	2.4 Explain how to check and amend energy efficiency measures generated to ensure they are appropriate for the property and customer 2.5 Describe the consequences of making.	Written records of how the energy efficiency measures recommended were reviewed to ensure they were appropriate for a specific property, with an evaluation of the
	2.5 Describe the consequences of making inappropriate suggestions for energy efficiency measures	consequences of selecting inappropriate energy efficiency measures
	Describe how the approved software generates energy efficiency measures and estimates their cost savings	Written records of outcomes from use of approved software and the energy efficiency measures recommended along with

	2.7 Explain how to adjust estimated	estimated cost savings and reasons as to why the actual
	savings in accordance with the occupancy assessment to provide an	savings may differ from the estimate
	indication of how actual savings may differ from standard estimates	
	2.8 Explain what is meant by the Green Deal Principle (Golden Rule) and how it	
	is calculated, including that the cost of energy efficiency measures used in the	
	calculation could change	
Understand how to lodge and issue domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	3.1 Explain the content of the codes of practice and standards that apply to preparing domestic Green Deal Reports	
	3.2 Explain the importance of fully disclosing	
	any referral fees or other benefits received in relation to suggested products, services and suppliers	
	3.3 Explain the process of lodging and issuing a domestic Green Deal Advice Report	
	3.4 Identify the level and detail of information storage required in relation to domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	
	3.5 Explain how to update the Energy Performance Certificate after the installation of agreed energy efficiency	Updated EPCs following energy efficiency measures installation
	measures	Or
		Explanation of how to update the Energy Performance Certificate after the installation of agreed energy efficiency measures

4	Be able to prepare domestic Green
	Deal Advice Reports

- 4.1 Collate information required including any pre-existing Energy Performance Certificates
- 4.2 Use the approved software to prepare domestic Green Deal Reports
- 4.3 Ensure that values entered for all components are accurate
- 4.4 Identify areas of potential uncertainty or insufficient information which could affect value attribution and carry out checks to avoid likely errors
- 4.5 Carry out further investigations to identify appropriate values in order to reduce or eliminate use of default values and the "unknown" option
- 4.6 Identify the circumstances in which the use of default values or "unknown" is unavoidable and the steps to be taken to avoid their use in accordance with relevant conventions and Code of Practice
- 4.7 Generate energy efficiency measures which are appropriate for the property using the approved software and the guidance or conventions applying to its use

Written evidence from previous energy assessments and investigations of having:

- Collated required information including preexisting EPCs
- Conducted checks to ensure accuracy of values entered and further checks on uncertain values

Explain when items can be recorded as "unknown" and the impact on the methodology's assessment process

Written records of outcomes from use of approved software and the energy efficiency measures recommended as a result for specific properties including the ways in which the recommendations took account of:

	4.8 Identify energy efficiency measures which take account of: • the interaction between the building fabric and the building services • building location • needs, circumstances and motivations of the customer 4.9 Use approved software to: • estimate energy use and associated energy costs • estimate energy and cost savings from energy efficiency measures • produce figures to be used in the domestic Green Deal (Golden Rule) calculation	 the interaction between the building fabric and the building services building location needs, circumstances and motivations of the customer Written records of having estimated energy costs and savings in relation to specific energy efficiency measures recommended to previous clients/customers
	 assess which energy efficiency measures or packages of measures are likely to be eligible for Green Deal finance 	
	4.10 Prepare domestic Green Deal Advice Reports that meet Certification Scheme requirements and certification body requirements	
	4.11 Check the Green Deal Advice Report to ensure it is clear and complete	
	4.12 Disclose any referral fees or other benefits to be received should the customer follow suggestions for particular products, services or suppliers	
5 Be able to lodge and issue domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	 5.1 Collate information in support of: investigations carried out values attributed energy efficiency options considered 	Written records of completed energy assessments and investigations which : - state investigations carried out - show all values recorded

	 energy efficiency options rejected with justification specific decisions made and energy efficiency measures proposed 5.2 Ensure that records kept are clear, complete and meet Green Deal and statutory requirements and follow accepted professional standards 5.3 Follow the procedure for lodging domestic Green Deal Advice Reports on the prescribed national register 5.4 Issue domestic Green Deal Advice Reports to customers 5.5 Follow the procedures for updating an Energy Performance Certificate after the installation of energy efficient measures 	- list options considered and rejected - list selected options with reasons Written evidence of having updated EPC after the installation of energy efficiency measures Or An explanation of the procedure for updating EPCs after the installation of energy efficiency measures
Additional information about the unit		
Unit aim(s)	This unit is about preparing and issuing a domestic Green Deal Advice Report	
Unit expiry date		
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)	Developed from Asset Skills National Occupational Standards for Green Deal Advisors ASTGDA3	
Details of the relationship between the unit		

and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)		
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	Please refer to Asset Skills Assessment Principles at www.assetskills.org	
Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)	N/A	
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system		
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	Asset Skills	
Availability for use	Shared	
Equality & Diversity (Asset Skills use only)	Asset Skills has considered equality and diversity factors in a reasonable, practical and proportionate manner and that no barriers have been identified for learners to complete this unit.	
Guided Learning Hours	30	

Title:	ASTGDA4 Explain the Green Deal Advice Report to the domestic customer		
Credit value:	4		
Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:		The learner can:	
Understand the component domestic Green Deal Advi domestic customers		1.1 Explain the requirements of the Green Deal Code of Practice in respect of: • issuing the Green Deal Advice Report to customers • the professional responsibilities and liabilities in the giving of advice • any disclaimers that should be made 1.2 Explain which energy efficiency measures have the greatest impact on the energy performance of a building	Written evidence of previous energy assessments and investigations resulting in recommended energy efficiency measures which would have the greatest impact on the energy performance of the building
		Describe the benefits of installing energy efficiency measures as a package Describe the importance of the sequence of installation	An explanation of the benefits of installing energy efficiency measures in a sequenced package of measures
		1.5 Describe how estimates are arrived at and how robust they are1.6 Describe for how long estimates will be	An explanation how energy savings estimates are arrived at and for how long they remain valid

valid

1.7 Identify the different circumstances and requirements of rural customers, those off the gas grid and those living in traditional buildings

Written evidence of having advised clients/customers in rural locations, those off the grid or operating in traditional /older properties. An explanation of how each of these contexts influenced the nature of the energy saving measures proposed.

Or

A professional discussion on how rural locations, traditional/older housing and offgrass grid impacts on the range of energy saving measures considered and energy advice given

- 1.8 Identify the specific advice needed on implementing the recommendations which may have to be provided
- 1.9 Identify the sources of further information and advice
- 1.10 Explain the funding options available and the eligibility requirements of the Green Deal finance package
- Identify the features, characteristics and eligibility criteria of alternative energy efficiency programmes outside the Green Deal

Written evidence of having provided advice on how to implement energy efficiency measures to previous clients/customers

Own resource list of additional sources of information and support on energy efficiency with an explanation of how and when this has been used to assist previous clients/customers

Written evidence of having provided clients/customers with information on sources of information about 5 of the following energy efficiency programmes:

- ECO
- **ECO Carbon Saving Obligation**
- **FITS**

		1.12 Identify how to access funding for alternative energy efficiency programmes outside the Green Deal	 RHS RHI MVHR CERT Affordable Warmth Obligation Waste, water and heat recovery Lighting systems Duct insulation and sealing Chillers Fan and pump driving devices
		Establish the critical factors for the customer in deciding which measures to pursue including economic and personal circumstances	Written evidence of how the clients/customers were assisted in identifying the critical factors determining the choice of energy efficiency measures to adopt
		1.14 Identify ways of creating a clear demarcation between the independent and impartial stage of the process and the declaration of any links to providers and/or suppliers	
		1.15 Explain the next steps in the process	
		1.16 Identify the key individuals and organisations involved and how to contact them	
2	Be able to explain the components of the Green Deal Advice report and their implications to the domestic customer	2.1 Explain to customers which energy efficiency measures have greater impact on the energy performance of a building	Written evidence of previous energy assessments and investigations resulting in recommended energy efficiency measures which would have the greatest impact on the
		2.2 Explore with customers the merits and demerits of the proposed energy efficiency measures and ways of overcoming any	energy performance of the building and having reviewed the merits and demerits of measures
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	 2.10 Explain any likely limitations on customer choice in respect of brands and appearance of equipment and materials that installers will provide in implementing the package of measures 2.11 Explain to customers the funding options available and how to apply for funding 2.12 Provide information to customers on other programmes and funding mechanisms for energy efficiency and carbon reduction outside Green Deal 	Written evidence of having provided clients/customers with full information about 5 of the following energy efficiency programmes: ECO ECO Carbon Saving Obligation FITS RHS RHI MVHR CERT Affordable Warmth Obligation Waste, water and heat recovery Lighting systems Duct insulation and sealing Chillers Fan and pump driving devices
3 Be able to prepare and present a Green Deal Advice report in a professional and impartial manner	3.1 Provide precise disclosure of the limitations on the advice being given	

- 3.2 Make clear the impartial technical advice being provided up to this point
- 3.3 Make clear own personal responsibility
 - the recommendations made
 - any liabilities that arise from this
 - any disclaimers relating to the recommendations
- 3.4 Disclose any fees that the Green Deal Adviser may receive if the customer follows the advice given in relation to one or more energy efficiency measure
- 3.5 Declare any specific links with suppliers of Green Deal products and services
- 3.6 Make clear that any further involvement in the process will involve exclusive promotion of the products and services of those suppliers
- 3.7 Inform the customer of the Green Deal Code of Practice that regulates the preparation and issuing of the Green Deal Advice Report
- 3.8 Make clear the roles and responsibilities of the various parties involved in the Green Deal and who may be involved in the next stages of the process
- 3.9 Make the customer aware of responsibilities to future occupiers in terms of potential changes in energy savings should energy saving features be removed Respond to customer questions, issues

An explanation of how in previous work with clients/customers own personal responsibility for the following were clarified:

- the recommendations made
- any liabilities that arise from this
- any disclaimers relating to the recommendations

	and concerns in relation to the Green Deal Advice Reports and the next steps in the process within the limits of personal expertise and knowledge 3.11 Consider the specific needs of customers including those in rural locations, those off the gas grid or living in older buildings	Written evidence of having advised clients/customers in rural locations, those off the grid or operating in traditional /older properties. An explanation of how each of these contexts influenced the nature of the energy saving measures proposed. Or A professional discussion on how rural locations, traditional/older housing and offgrass grid impacts on the range of energy saving measures considered and energy advice given
Additional information about the unit		
Unit aim(s)	This unit is about explaining the components of the Green Deal report to domestic customers and the implications for implementing the recommendations.	
Unit expiry date		
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)	Developed from Asset Skills National Occupational Standards for Green Deal Advisors ASTGDA4	
Details of the relationship between the unit and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)		

Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	Please refer to Asset Skills Assessment Principles at www.assetskills.org	
Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)	N/A	
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system		
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	Asset Skills	
Availability for use	Shared	
Equality & Diversity (Asset Skills use only)	Asset Skills has considered equality and diversity factors in a reasonable, practical and proportionate manner and that no barriers have been identified for learners to complete this unit.	
Guided Learning Hours	20	

Title:	ASTGDA5 Carry out non-domestic energy inspections to determine an Operational Profile and give advice	
Level:	4	
Credit value:	10	

Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:	The learner can:	
Understand the process of conducting an operational profile	 1.1 Identify the data that is required from the customer to enable an analysis of nondomestic energy consumption for the purposes of Green Deal in accordance with the prescribed methodology 1.2 Explain the methods used to obtain data and information and the potential sources of that information 	Written evidence of having gathered data in order to produce one or more of the following types of energy related assessments: Non-domestic EPC Operational Rating Display Energy Certificates
	Identify how to carry out a methodical visual on-site inspection of a property in order to produce an operational profile assessment	Written evidence of the methods used to carry out a visual on-site inspection using a recognised appropriate methodology
	1.4 Identify the requirements of the prescribed methodology for the operational profile	
	1.5 Explain the appropriateness of the use of the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM) methodology and software for different building types and state where the Dynamic Simulation Model (DSM) methodology should be used instead	An explanation of SBEM and DSM methodologies and their use for the energy assessment of different buildings
	Specify the definitions and conventions that apply to the prescribed methodology for operational profile assessment	An explanation of the definitions and An te An explanation of the definitions and conventions of the appropriate methodology
	Describe how to identify gaps in information gathered and any additional data required to fill them	Written evidence of having gathered additional

	 1.8 Identify where it would be appropriate to request advice from a specialist 1.9 Describe how to assess the likely current energy performance of any property elements compared to its performance as originally built 1.10 Describe the impact of the following on the energy assessment process: the durability of materials and systems over time the functioning of building services 1.11 Describe how to deal with any ad hoc health and safety issues at the time of inspection 1.12 Explain the data protection requirements relating to customer's data 1.13 Describe the requirements of Codes of Practice and other guidance as they apply to the operational profile process 1.14 Describe how to apply the management score in order to reflect the quality of the building's management 	A list of appropriate specialist disciplines and when they would be required Written evidence of energy assessments which: • Compare current energy performance with the new build performance • Take account of the effectiveness of materials and systems over time • Relate energy performance to building services in place Written risk assessments for specific energy inspections which deal with ad hoc health and safety issues An explanation of the data protection requirements relating to clients'/customer's data An explanation of the Codes of Practice which apply to the conduct of energy assessment and advice activities An explanation of how the building's management can be assessed and incorporated in energy related assessments
Understand the factors and measures for reducing energy consumption in non-domestic buildings	2.1 Explain how to establish the client's situation in respect of reducing energy consumption including: Needs Circumstances Motivations Capabilities	Written evidence of having identified the client's/customer's needs, circumstances, motivations and capabilities in relation to energy consumption

- Managerial and other constraints
- Potential barriers to action
- 2.2 Describe the key metrics by which energy consumption is measured and recorded
- 2.3 Explain how to track energy consumption over time and identify significant trends in usage
- 2.4 Describe the types of further investigations that can be carried out where data inconsistencies are discovered
- 2.5 Explain the alternative methods for optimising the use of existing plant, equipment and consumables
- 2.6 Explain how the current occupier's activities, systems and processes affect energy consumption and fuel bills
- 2.7 Identify the alternative activities, systems and processes that would enhance energy efficiency and carbon reduction in relation
 - Energy purchase and supply
 - Heating
 - Lighting
 - Air conditioning
 - Small power
 - Refrigeration
 - **Building fabric**
 - Passive strategies and processes
 - Ventilation
- 2.8 Explain the main methods and products

Written evidence of identifying and measuring the key measures of energy consumption in specific buildings with records of values taken over time and trends identified

Written records of additional investigations carried for in different types of energy assessment where data inconsistencies have occurred

Written records of advice given to clients/customers on how best to optimise the use of existing plant, equipment and consumables and how their current activities, systems and processes affect energy consumption an fuel bills

Written records of recommended alternatives to activities, systems and processes to enhance energy efficiency in relation to 4 of the following:

- Energy purchase and supply
- Heating
- Lighting
- Air conditioning
- Small power
- Refrigeration
- **Building fabric**
- Passive strategies and processes
- Ventilation

used for:

- · Controlling and managing the use of
- Managing waste through re-use and recycling methods
- 2.9 Describe how to evaluate alternatives against the constraints of the building and finances available
- Identify the sources of information and agencies providing advice and financial support for energy and carbon reduction
- Describe the legal and regulatory framework relating to energy efficiency and carbon reduction including national and international requirements
- 2.12 Identify the limitations on the advice provided in the Green Deal Advisory Report
- 2.13 Identify the circumstances where it is necessary to refer customers for specialist assessments of building fabric or services and how to choose a suitable specialist assessor
- 2.14 Describe the types of questions, issues and concerns that clients might have about the operational profile visit and the operational advice given
- Identify the sources of information to which the customer can be referred for

Written evidence of having advised on water usage and waste management as part of previous energy advice to clients/customers

Written explanation of how recommended energy efficiency measures were selected which took full account of the constraints of the building and the finances available to the client/customer

Own resource list of additional sources of information and support on energy efficiency with an explanation of how and when this has been used to assist previous clients/customers

Explanation of the primary legal and regulatory frameworks relating to energy efficiency and carbon reduction

A list of appropriate specialist disciplines and when they would be required

Evidence of having encouraged and responded to clients'/customers' issues and concerns in relation to energy efficiency measures and recommendations

further help and advice	Written evidence of queries raised by clients/customers and a list of available information sources for a range of energy efficiency measures and support
 3.1 Describe the methods, formats and conventions for recording information and evidence on the operational profile 3.2 Identify the required range of information and evidence relating to the assessment, as defined by the current operational profile methodology and any associated guidance and conventions 3.3 Define the level of detail required to produce a complete and comprehensive non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report 3.4 Explain how records can be used to justify decisions on the values recorded and the advice given 	Written records of information gathered and how they were checked for accuracy and used to inform energy advice given (3.1,3.2 and 3.4)
 3.5 Identify the circumstances in which records can include the fact that information is "unknown" and the evidence required to support this choice 3.6 Explain the importance of storing information and records securely for future access and to meet Certification Scheme inspection requirements 3.7 State the purposes for which records may be used 	An explanation of how and when values have been defined as "unknown" in previous energy assessments and investigations An explanation of certification Scheme requirements regarding information storage with evidence of compliance

4 Be able to conduct an operational profile assessment	 4.1 Explain to customers the information required for the operational profile assessment 4.2 Use appropriate methods to obtain such information from customers 4.3 Confirm that the customer is the person responsible for the property's fuel bills and has the authority to take action under the Green Deal 	Written evidence of requests for information and explanations of what information is required from clients/customers and the methods used to ensure the information was obtained
	4.4 Gather the necessary data and information from appropriate documentation to enable the operational profile assessment to take place	As above
	4.5 Undertake a methodical visual inspection of the property in accordance with the prescribed methodology for the operational profile	Written evidence of having conducted methodical visual inspections using an appropriate methodology including final inspection documentation
	4.6 Determine how the current condition of the property may affect its energy performance	Written evidence of how property condition has been recorded and taken into account when measuring energy performance in previous assessments and investigations
	4.7 Determine the management score reflecting the quality of the building's management	Explanation of how the management of the building impacts on energy efficiency and how this can be measured
5 Be able to identify actions to reduce energy consumption in non-domestic buildings	5.1 Establish the needs, tenure, access to capital and motivations of the customer in relation to energy consumption reduction	Written evidence of having identified the client's/customer's needs, circumstances including tenure, motivations and capabilities in

5.2 Identify any constraints that might affect the customer's ability to act

relation to energy consumption, including any constraints they are operating under and of having provided advice which responds to these factors

- 5.3 Identify areas of significant energy consumption and any trends and changes in energy use
- 5.4 Compare data with operational performance and establish the reasons for any differences
- 5.5 Establish any anticipated changes to energy consumption and their implications
- 5.6 Review current activities, systems, processes and behaviours that affect energy efficiency and carbon emissions and their impact on energy consumption and fuel bills
- 5.7 Review alternative activities, systems, processes and behaviours that would enhance energy performance
- 5.8 Identify changes to activities, systems, processes and behaviours that could be made which are in scope of Green Deal provision
- 5.9 Establish ways of improving the monitoring and measurement of operational energy

Written evidence from previous energy assessments and investigations of identifying:

- Level of energy consumption
- Trends in any consumption
- Changes in energy use
- Differences between available data and operational performance and reasons for these differences
- Anticipated changes in energy consumption and their implications

Written records of advice given to clients/customers on current performance of activities, systems, processes and behaviours and how best to optimise the use of their current activities, systems and processes affect energy consumption an fuel bills

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would enhance energy performance

building and the finances available to the

client/customer Own resource list of additional sources of Provide customers with a clear 5.17 explanation of the financial incentives and information and support on energy efficiency support for making changes to energy with an explanation of how and when this has consumption and how they can be been used to assist previous clients/customers accessed A list of appropriate specialist disciplines and 5.18 Provide customers with a clear when they would be required explanation of any specialist assessments required and how to access them Provide customers with a clear explanation of the recommendations made in the Green Deal Advice Report Provide information on the methods 5.20 Written evidence of having advised on water and products for achieving: usage and waste management as part of • Efficient management of water usage previous energy advice to clients/customers and minimisation of wastes • Waste reduction, re-use and re-cycling 5.21 Advise the customer on the limitations on the advice given within the Green Deal Advice Report Evidence of having encouraged and responded Respond to customer queries, issues to clients'/customers' issues and concerns in and concerns about the operational profile relation to energy efficiency measures and and the operational advice given recommendations Written evidence of gueries raised by clients/customers and a list of available information sources for a range of energy efficiency measures and support

6 Be able to maintain written records of inspection findings	 6.1 Create and maintain complete, accurate and legible records of findings including: Investigations carried out Values recorded Options considered Reasons why "unknown" is used against data fields and why this was unavoidable 6.2 Record information in sufficient detail to produce a complete and comprehensive non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report and justify decisions on how values were arrived at and the nature of the advice 6.3 Record where information cannot be obtained and where data is recorded as "Unknown" and why this action was unavoidable 6.4 Catalogue, secure and store records for the prescribed periods of time 6.5 Ensure that records can be accessed for future use 	Written records of completed energy assessments and investigations which : - state investigations carried out - show all values recorded - list options considered - list selected options with reasons - identify reasons for attribution of "unknown" values - indicate how records will be kept secure (6.1, 6.3 6.4, and 6.5)
Additional information about the unit		
Unit aim(s)	This unit is about conducting non-domestic energy inspection, producing an Operational	

	Profile and advising on energy reduction	
Unit expiry date		
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)	Developed from Asset Skills National Occupational Standards for Green Deal Advisors ASTGDA5	
Details of the relationship between the unit and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)		
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	Please refer to Asset Skills Assessment Principles at www.assetskills.org	
Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)	N/A	
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system		
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	Asset Skills	
Availability for use	Shared	
Equality & Diversity (Asset Skills use only)	Asset Skills has considered equality and diversity factors in a reasonable, practical and proportionate manner and that no barriers have been identified for learners to complete this unit.	
Guided Learning Hours	40	

Title:	ASTGDA6 Prepare and issue Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Reports		
Level:	4		
Credit value:	9		
Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:		The learner can:	
Understand the process of data for Non-domestic Gre Advice Reports		 1.1 Describe the prescribed format and content of a Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report 1.2 Identify the approved software options available and how to choose software that is appropriate to the type of assessment being carried out 1.3 Identify the information required to produce a compliant Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report 1.4 Describe the principles underpinning the approved software used to prepare a Nondomestic Green Deal Advice Report 1.5 Describe how to input data into the approved software to produce Nondomestic Green Deal Advice Reports 	Written records of producing energy assessments using approved software for the required assessment procedure

1.6	Identify common areas of potential
	uncertainty or insufficient information which
	could affect value attribution

Explanation of the types of uncertainty and insufficiency of information that can affect value attribution and methods of obtaining required information

- 1.7 Describe the quality assurance checks to conduct on information to ensure that:
 - Values are correct
 - Energy efficiency measures are realistic and appropriate for the subject property
- 1.8 Describe the circumstances in which items can be recorded as "unknown" as defined by conventions
- 1.9 Explain the consequences of recording an item as "unknown" or as built on the methodology's assessment process
- 1.10 Describe the ways of gathering more information to avoid the use of default values
- 1.11 Describe the conventions used in nondomestic Green Deal advice assessment and the implications on the process when these change
- 1.12 Describe how to check the accuracy of inputted data
- Describe how to review data when the calculation will not process

Written evidence of how checks were conducted in previous energy assessments/investigations to ensure that values were correct and that proposed efficiency measures were realistic and appropriate for the property

Explain when items can be recorded as "unknown" and the impact on the methodology's assessment process

Written evidence of how checks were conducted in previous energy assessments/investigations to ensure that values were correct and procedures to review data when the calculation will not process

	1.14 Describe how to incorporate outputs from specialist assessments	Written evidence of having incorporated incorporate outputs from specialist assessments in past energy assessments and
	mont specialist assessments	investigations with reasons for their need and the contribution they made
	2.1 Identify the range of energy efficiency	
Understand how to assess energy efficiency measures for Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	measures that may be included within a Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report	
	2.2 Describe the relationship between the building fabric and building services and the impact on energy the energy assessment process and energy efficiency measures proposed	Written records of outcomes from use of approved software and the energy efficiency measures recommended as a result for specific properties including the ways in which the recommendations took account of:
	Explain the way in which energy efficiency measures are generated by approved software	 the interaction between the building fabric and the building services building location needs, circumstances and motivations of the
	2.4 Explain how to check the energy efficiency measures generated automatically by the approved software	 customer checks carried out on the energy efficiency measures generated automatically and the other information gathered on the building
	2.5 Explain how to amend by deleting inappropriate energy efficiency measures for the property and customer	identifies which measures were deleted as appropriate with reasons
	Describe how to use approved software to evaluate energy efficiency measures that are bespoke to the property and its current occupier	Written records of outcomes from use of approved software and the energy efficiency measures recommended as a result for specific properties, with a description of its unique features and the applicability of the selected energy efficiency measures

- 2.7 Explain how the current building energy consumption is taken into account when identifying energy efficiency measure likely to deliver the most savings to the customer
- 2.8 Explain how to select energy efficiency measures to evaluate using approved software and how to ensure they are feasible, practical and appropriate for the property and customer
- 2.9 Identify current typical costs of energy efficiency measures and explain how to estimate typical costs, for the particular building, of the proposed energy efficiency measures
- 2.10 Describe how the approved software estimates the cost savings from energy efficiency measures
- 2.11 Describe how to amend ascribed default values in accordance with the operational profile
- 2.12 Explain how to adjust estimated savings in accordance with the operational profile and current fuel tariffs to provide figures to be used in the Green Deal Principle (Golden Rule) calculation estimates
- Explain how to normalise metrics 2.13 between the Energy Performance Certificate and energy consumption data to improve the estimates of energy savings from energy efficiency measures

Written records of how the energy efficiency measures recommended took into account the current building energy consumption and how they were reviewed to ensure they were feasible, practical and appropriate for a specific property, with an evaluation of the consequences of selecting inappropriate energy efficiency measures

Written records of having estimated energy costs and savings in relation to specific energy efficiency measures recommended to previous clients/ customers

Written records of having matched information from EPCs with energy consumption data to improve estimates of energy costs and savings in relation to specific energy efficiency measures recommended to previous clients/ customers

	2.14 Explain how the Green Deal Principle (Golden Rule) is calculated and how measures are assessed against the Golden Rule	
3 Understand how to lodge and issue Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	 3.1 Explain the importance of fully disclosing any referral fees or other benefits received in relation to suggested products, services and suppliers 3.2 Explain the process of lodging and issuing a Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report 3.3 Identify the level and detail of information storage required in relation to Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Reports 3.4 Explain how to update the Energy Performance Certificate after the installation of agreed energy efficiency measures 	Updated EPCs following energy efficiency measures installation Or Explanation of how to update the Energy Performance Certificate after the installation of agreed energy efficiency measures
Be able to input data for prepare Non- domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	4.1 Assemble and collate information required including any pre-existing Energy Performance Certificate or Display Energy Certificate	Written evidence from previous energy assessments and investigations of having:
	4.2 Choose from approved software options a	 Collated required information including pre-

	software package which is appropriate to the type of assessment being carried out	existing EPCs - Conducted checks to ensure accuracy of values entered and further checks on
	4.3 Use the approved software to prepare Non- domestic Green Deal Reports	uncertain values
	4.4 Ensure that values entered for all components are accurate	(41, 4.2, 4.4,4,5 and 4.6)
	4.5 Identify areas of potential uncertainty or insufficient information which could affect value attribution and carry out checks to avoid likely errors	
	4.6 Carry out further investigations to identify appropriate values in order to reduce or eliminate use of default values and the "unknown" option, including requesting advice from a specialist where appropriate	
	4.7 When the use of default values or "unknown" is unavoidable, explain why this was the case and the steps taken to try to avoid their use, in accordance with relevant conventions and Code of Practice	Explain when items can be recorded as "unknown" and the impact on the methodology's assessment process
5 Be able to assess energy efficiency measures for the non-domestic Green Deal Advice report	5.1 Identify ways of optimising the efficiency of current plant and equipment in relation to heating, lighting and air conditioning	Written records of advice given to clients/customers on current performance of activities, systems, processes and behaviours and how best to optimise the use of their current activities, systems and processes affect energy consumption and fuel bills
	5.2 Generate energy efficiency measures which are feasible, practical and appropriate for the property using the approved software and the guidance or conventions applying to its use	Written records of how the energy efficiency measures recommended took into account the current building energy consumption and how they were reviewed to ensure they were feasible, practical and appropriate for a specific property, with an evaluation of the consequences of selecting

inappropriate energy efficiency measures

- 5.3 Identify energy efficiency measures which take account of:
 - The interaction between the building fabric and the building services
 - **Building location**
 - Needs, circumstances and motivations of the customer
- 5.4 Evaluate the feasibility, practicality and relevance of alternatives in relation to the fabric of the building and the building services
- 5.5 Establish the relative costs of any energy efficiency measures which may be proposed
- 5.6 Provide impartial advice when identifying effective energy efficiency measures
- 5.7 Use approved software to:
 - Estimate energy use and associated energy costs
 - Estimate energy and cost savings from energy efficiency measures
 - Adjust the assumed defaults in accordance with the operational profile and fuel prices to reflect actual tariffs
 - Produce figures to be used in the nondomestic Green Deal (Golden Rule) calculation
 - Assess which energy efficiency measures or packages of measures are likely to be eligible for Green Deal

Written records of outcomes from use of approved software and the energy efficiency measures recommended as a result for specific properties including the ways in which the recommendations took account of:

- the interaction between the building fabric and the building services
- building location
- needs, circumstances and motivations of the customer
- estimates of relative costs of energy efficiency measures

Explanation of how professional impartiality is maintained while identifying effective actions to reduce operational energy consumption and achieve carbon reduction

	finance Normalise metrics between the Energy Performance Certificate and energy consumption data to improve the estimates of energy savings from energy efficiency measures 5.8 Prepare Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Reports that meet scheme requirements and certification body requirements 5.9 Incorporate outputs from any specialist assessment(s) in the Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report 5.10 Disclose any referral fees or other benefits to be received should the customer follow suggestions for particular products, services or suppliers	
6Be able to prepare, lodge and issue Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Reports	 6.1 Identify the legal requirements which impact on energy use and carbon emissions and their impact on energy efficiency measures being considered 6.2 Where specialist assessment is required, record the choice of specialist and the basis for this choice, retaining evidence of their suitability to undertake the specialist assessment in the property 	Explanation of the primary legal and regulatory frameworks relating to energy efficiency and carbon reduction A list of appropriate specialist disciplines and when they would be required
	 6.3 Explain to the client how the energy efficiency measures are assessed against the Golden Rule and that this is done at the quoting stage 6.4 Check the Non-domestic Green Deal Advice Report to ensure it is clear and 	

	complete	
	 6.5 Collate and maintain information in support of: Investigations carried out Values attributed Energy efficiency options considered Energy efficiency options rejected with justification Specific decisions made and energy efficiency measures proposed 6.6 Follow the procedure for lodging Nondomestic Green Deal Advice Reports on the prescribed national register 6.7 Issue Non-domestic Green Deal Advice 	Written records of completed energy assessments and investigations which: - state investigations carried out - show all values recorded - list options considered - list selected options with reasons - decisions made on specific energy efficiency measures
	Reports to customers 6.8 Follow the procedure for updating the Energy Performance Certificate after the installation of agreed energy efficiency measures 6.9 Maintain internal records which are clear, complete and meet Green Deal and statutory requirements and follow accepted professional standards	Updated EPCs following energy efficiency measures installation Or Explanation of how to update the Energy Performance Certificate after the installation of agreed energy efficiency measures
Additional information about the unit		
Unit aim(s)	This unit is about preparing and issuing non-domestic Green Deal Advice Reports.	

Unit expiry date		
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)	Developed from Asset Skills National Occupational Standards for Green Deal Advisors ASTGDA6	
Details of the relationship between the unit and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)		
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	Please refer to Asset Skills Assessment Principles at www.assetskills.org	
Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)	N/A	
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system		
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	Asset Skills	
Availability for use	Shared	
Equality & Diversity (Asset Skills use only)	Asset Skills has considered equality and diversity factors in a reasonable, practical and proportionate manner and that no barriers have been identified for learners to complete this unit.	
Guided Learning Hours	40	

Title:	ASTGDA7 Explain the Green Deal Advice Report to the Non-domestic customer		
Level:	4		
Credit value:	4		
Learning outcomes		Assessment criteria	Portfolio Evidence
The learner will:		The learner can:	
Understand the process of the Green Deal Advice Re domestic customers		 1.1 Describe the requirements of the Green Deal Code of Practice in respect of issuing the Green Deal Advice Report to customers and the professional responsibilities and liabilities in the giving of advice and any disclaimers that should be made 1.2 Identify the difference between high, medium and low carbon impact energy efficiency measures and the scale of savings that each may achieve 1.3 Explain which energy efficiency measures have the greatest impact on the energy performance of a building and explain why 1.4 Describe the benefits of installing energy efficiency measures as a package and the 	Written evidence of previous energy assessments and investigations resulting in recommended energy efficiency measures which would have the greatest impact on the energy performance of the building An explanation of the benefits of installing energy efficiency measures in a sequenced package of measures
		importance of the sequence of installation1.5 Explain how estimates of costs are arrived at and how robust they are and for how	An explanation how energy savings estimates are arrived at and for how long they remain valid

long they will be valid 1.6 Identify the different circumstances and requirements of rural customers and those living in traditional buildings Written evidence of having advised clients/customers in rural locations, those off the grid or operating in traditional /older properties. An explanation of how each of these contexts influenced the nature of the energy saving measures proposed. Or A professional discussion on how rural locations, traditional/older housing and off-grass grid impacts on the range of energy saving measures considered and energy advice given 1.7 Explain the impact of how the building is An explanation of how the building's management can be managed on the potential energy savings assessed and incorporated in energy related assessments and actual costs 1.8 Identify the specific advice needed to Written evidence of having provided advice on how to implement recommendations implement energy efficiency measures to previous clients/customers 1.9 Explain the funding options available and the eligibility requirements of the Green Deal finance package 1.10 Establish the critical factors for the Written evidence of how the clients/customers were assisted customer in deciding which measures to in identifying the critical factors determining the choice of pursue including economic and operational energy efficiency measures to adopt circumstances Identify ways of creating a clear demarcation between the independent and

	 impartial stage of the process and the declaration of any links to providers and/or suppliers 1.12 Explain the next steps in the process, the key individuals and organisations involved and how to contact them and how to provide impartial information 1.13 Explain how to disclose links to suppliers of products and services in a manner that ensures the customer understands the implications of your further engagement in the Green Deal process 	
Be able to explain the components of the Green Deal Advice Report and their implications to the Non-domestic customer	 2.1 Explain the hierarchy of energy efficiency measures based on carbon impact and payback 2.2 Explain the difference between high, medium and low carbon impact efficiency measures and the relative scale of savings which may be achieved 2.3 Explain which energy efficiency measures have greater impact on the energy performance of a building 2.4 Explain the relationship between: the Energy Performance Certificate asset rating based on standard assumptions the Display Energy Certificate operational rating based on metered fuel use 	Written evidence of previous energy assessments and investigations resulting in recommended energy efficiency measures which would have the greatest impact on the energy performance of the building and having reviewed the merits and demerits of measures

current use of the building

- 2.5 Explore the merits and demerits of the proposed energy efficiency measures
- 2.6 Identify ways of overcoming any barriers to implementing the energy efficiency measures
- 2.7 Explain the benefits of installing several measures as part of a package and the advantage of correctly sequencing the installation
- 2.8 Explain how estimates of running costs have been arrived at, how robust they are and for how long they are valid
- 2.9 Explain the gap between standard savings and likely savings based on occupancy
- Identify ways in which the 2.10 recommendations can be implemented and where to go for help
- 2.11 Provide information on how the management of the building and its services can impact on energy savings and costs
- Indicate how any future changes in 2.12 energy consumption and costs not included in the assessment may impact on savings
- Explain any relevant incentives for the customer adopting the proposed Green Deal package of energy measures

An explanation of the benefits of installing energy efficiency measures in a sequenced package of measures

An explanation how energy savings estimates are arrived at and for how long they remain valid

Written evidence of having provided advice on how to implement energy efficiency measures to previous clients/customers

Own resource list of additional sources of information and support on energy efficiency with an explanation of how and when this has been used to assist previous clients/customers

Explanation of how the management of the building impacts on energy efficiency and how this can be measured

An explanation of how any future changes in energy consumption and costs not included in the assessment may impact on savings

	2.14 Explain any likely limitations on customer choice in respect of brands and appearance of equipment and materials that installers will provide in implementing the package of measures 2.15 Explain the funding options available and how to apply for funding	
3 Be able to prepare and present a Green Deal Advice Report in a professional and impartial manner	 3.1 Provide precise disclosure of the limitations on the advice being given 3.2 Make clear the impartial technical advice being provided up to this point 3.3 Explain to the client the extent of personal responsibility for the recommendations made, including appropriate disclaimers 3.4 Inform the customer of any fees that the Green Deal Adviser may receive if the customer follows the advice given in relation to one or more energy efficiency measure 3.5 Explain any specific links with suppliers of Green Deal products and services and that any further involvement in the process will involve exclusive promotion of the products and services of those suppliers 3.6 Inform the customer of the Green Deal Code of Practice that regulates the preparation and issuing of the Green Deal Advice Report 	An explanation of how in previous work with clients/customers own personal responsibility for the following were clarified: • the recommendations made • any liabilities that arise from this • any disclaimers relating to the recommendations

- 3.7 Make clear the roles and responsibilities of the various parties involved in the Green Deal and who may be involved in the next stages of the process
- 3.8 Make the customer aware of responsibilities to future occupiers in terms of potential changes in energy savings should energy saving features be removed
- 3.9 Respond to customer questions, issues and concerns in relation to the Green Deal Advice Reports and the next steps in the process within the limits of personal expertise and knowledge
- 3.10 Identify the specific needs of customers including those in rural locations, those off the gas grid or occupying older buildings

Written evidence of having advised clients/customers in rural locations, those off the grid or operating in traditional /older properties. An explanation of how each of these contexts influenced the nature of the energy saving measures proposed.

Or

A professional discussion on how rural locations, traditional/older housing and off-grass grid impacts on the range of energy saving measures considered and energy advice given

Additional information about the unit		
Unit aim(s)	This unit is about explaining the components of the Green Deal Report to Non-domestic customers and the implications for implementing the recommendations.	
Unit expiry date		
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards (if appropriate)	Developed from Asset Skills National Occupational Standards for Green Deal Advisors ASTGDA7	
Details of the relationship between the unit and other standards or curricula (if appropriate)		
Assessment requirements specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	Please refer to Asset Skills Assessment Principles at www.assetskills.org	
Endorsement of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body (if required)	N/A	
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system		
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	Asset Skills	
Availability for use	Shared	
Equality & Diversity (Asset Skills use only)	Asset Skills has considered equality and diversity factors in a reasonable, practical and	

	proportionate manner and that no barriers have been identified for learners to complete this unit.	
Guided Learning Hours	20	