

New National Occupational Standards in Yoga

SkillsActive (the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure, Learning and Wellbeing) is completing a review of the National Occupational Standards in Yoga. We will be completing this review on behalf of the sector and in partnership with key stakeholders within the field. The work will primarily be led by Caroline Larissey, Head of Standards and Qualifications, and will be supported by Tracey James, Development Officer, at SkillsActive.

SkillsActive works together with employers, partner organisations and industry experts to develop National Occupational Standards (NOS) across the Active Leisure, Learning and Wellbeing sector. These NOS define the skills and knowledge which are required to work in particular occupations. National Occupational Standards are used by the sector for a range of practical purposes such as:

- To underpin industry needs in the development of new and existing Yoga qualifications;
- As a framework for writing standardised and professional job descriptions;
- For workforce development planning and the creation of personal and organisational development plans.

As part of this work we will be completing both Steering group and Expert Working group meetings alongside holding a UK-wide consultation with specific sessions hosted in all four Home Nations.

The extent of your involvement in the review can be as little as logging onto an online consultation questionnaire; or attending a focus group meeting; to being part of an Expert Working Group looking at the detail of the performance and knowledge specifications within the National Occupational Standards.

We are currently recruiting members to take part in the development of the Yoga NOS - if you are passionate about the Yoga industry and would like to be involved in this review please contact tracey.james@skillsactive.com

We are extremely keen to ensure that stakeholders from across the UK are fully represented to ensure that the 'voice of Yoga' is effectively captured, ensuring the NOS and any future qualification developments truly address the specific employment needs of your sector.

We very much hope you are able contribute to this important and timely industry project.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your support and feedback.