

Institute for Apprenticeships Consultation on draft occupational maps

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a) Are there any skilled occupations you would expect to see on the map which are not currently included?

The Royal Society of Biology currently has representation on the Health and Science T level panel (Healthcare Science pathway), and hope to have the same on at least one Agriculture, Environmental and Animal Care panel. However as this, and other, panels have not yet been recruited we recommend that future panels are given the opportunity to carefully consider whether their pathway includes the expected breadth of skilled occupations at all levels, and that students have the opportunity to consolidate the underpinning science knowledge required for their chosen occupation.

b) Should an existing occupation be assigned to a different route, or a different pathway or cluster within the route?

Biologist and Biochemist appear as separate occupations in the science professional cluster. However other biological disciplines do not appear as standalone occupations; this does not reflect the variety of occupations in the biosciences. The Royal Society of Biology represents a wide range of bioscience disciplines, and the biology underpinning the professions within them. We would therefore expect to see, as with biochemist, other biology related science professional occupations listed at level 7 and above.

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