

Become a Registered Inspector in the Primary sector

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About the role

We are looking for experienced Peer and Additional Inspectors to train as Registered Inspectors in the primary sector.

As a Registered Inspector you will play a key role in influencing education in Wales. You will lead inspection teams, organising and quality assuring the work of the team. You will be required to prepare your inspection beforehand and undertake a full range of inspection activities. You will be responsible for writing the inspection report and playing your part in Estyn's editing and quality assurance process.

Eligibility

You will be able to inspect through the medium of English and/or Welsh.

To become a Registered Inspector, you must have:

- a good track record and positive feedback after working with Estyn, for example having received good grades (mainly As) in evaluations from reporting inspectors ;
- the support of the chair of governors (where the applicant is a headteacher), the headteacher and chair of governors (where the applicant is not a headteacher) or employer (if the applicant is in full or part-time employment, but not in a school).

Selection and training

Training will include:

- **Part one:** Pre-reading and preparation stage – distance learning on **2 July 2026**.
- **Part two:** Face-to-face training and assessments on **22 - 23 September 2026**. (location TBC).
- **Part three:** Assessed inspection during which a HMI will evaluate your work.

After successfully completing the training and assessment your name will be added to Estyn's Registered Inspector database (a fee is payable). You can then start to tender for work as a Registered Inspector in the primary sector.

Endorsement

In order to attend training and, if successful, attend inspections we must receive an endorsement from your employer. This must be received in advance of the training, or you will be unable to attend. An email will be sent to the contact you shared in your application.

Disclosure and Barring Service certificate

To move on to the assessed inspection, you must complete the written assessments successfully and have a valid Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) Enhanced certificate. The certificate must be less than three years' old, and include the Child workforce category. Once we've got your certificate, our Planning and Deployment team will be in touch with details of the assessed inspection. On the inspection, the lead inspector will assess your work and will give you a grade at the end of the inspection week.

We'd recommend that you apply for a DBS as soon as you pass part 2 - these certificates can take up to six weeks to be issued. Once you've received your DBS, or if you have one already, please send a scanned copy to dbschecks@estyn.gov.wales and include the name and date of the training so that we can check it meets our requirements. **You will not be deployed or considered as having fully passed the training until your certificate has been received.**

How to apply

Application form: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/OTLEIZ/>

Closing date: 20 May 2026

We'll contact everyone with the result of their application by 5 June 2026.

Any fields marked with * are mandatory, so you won't be able to submit the form without entering a response for these fields. If they don't apply to you, please enter 'N/A'.

Contact details

This pack contains all of the information you need about the role and the application process, but if you have any questions please email us at events@estyn.gov.wales or call us on 02920 44 6510.

We look forward to receiving your application.