# **Role description**

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| **Job title:** | **Her Majesty’s Inspector of Education and Training (HMI)** |
| **Grade:** | Grade 6 |
| **Team / Functional area:** | Inspection |
| **Location:** | Homebased, Headquarters based in Cardiff |
| **Duration of post (if temporary or fixed term)** | Permanent Post |
| **Pattern of work:** | Full time |
| **Reporting to:** | Assistant Director (Inspection) |

**Purpose of role**

As a Her Majesty’s Inspector (HMI) you will contribute to the development and dissemination of effective practice and building capacity for improvement in the education and training system in Wales. You will work within a matrix management structure across a range of sectors, leading or as a team member on inspections, thematic work and engaging with key stakeholders.

**Key accountabilities**

* Lead or contribute to inspection, reporting and advice work, including inspections of individual education providers and broader ‘thematic’ reviews that range across a sample of provision in Wales
* Involvement in national developments and producing professional advice designed to inform the development of policy in your areas of expertise
* Undertake work designed to capture and disseminate the best practice that we see through our inspection programmes
* Work within agreed systems and processes and to contribute to organisational growth, development and change in Estyn
* Undertake quality assurance of inspection reports and thematic surveys
* Prepare and deliver initial and update training for external inspectors and events for key stakeholders
* Be a role model for Estyn’s values, acting at all times in the interest of children and students
* Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young people you come into contact with

**Additional requirements of the role**

You will be home-based and will be required to undertake significant travel across Wales including frequent overnight stays. You must be willing to work flexibly and develop new skills to meet Estyn's business needs.

The role of HMI requires an enhanced criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The role will bring you into direct contact with children or vulnerable adults and give you access to material or sensitive information about children and vulnerable adults.

You will be expected to have an awareness of and the ability to comply with policies and procedures relating to child protection, health, safety and security, confidentiality and data protection.

**Person specification**

| **Essential Requirements** | **Tested by** |
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| **Qualifications** | |
| Degree level qualification or equivalent.  Must hold a recognised teaching qualification which has resulted in Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) - all posts except post-16 education and training | Application form  Application form |
| **Experience** | |
| A minimum of three years leadership or specialist experience at a senior level in one or more of the sectors we inspect with a particular focus on primary education, secondary education, local government education services or post-16 education and training  A proven track record of achieving improved outcomes for learners | Application form  Assessment  Interview  Application form  Assessment  Interview |
| **Technical** | |
| An awareness of the current changes taking place in education and inspection and the ability to keep up to date across a wide range of professional matters  A deep and broad knowledge and understanding of current education issues gained in one or more of the sectors we inspect  An understanding of the key stakeholders in education, and their operational context  Analyses and interprets data and evidence to support lines of enquiry and support judgements | Application form  Assessment  Interview  Interview  Assessment  Interview  Assessment |
| **Ability** | |
| Able to communicate clearly and effectively both verbally and in writing demonstrating clarity and influence  Able to use IT equipment effectively in your daily work | Application form  Assessment  Interview  Application form  Assessment |
| **Behaviour - Leadership** | |
| Inspire and motivate others to be fully engaged in their work and dedicated to their role  Stands by own and team’s actions and decisions where needed and challenges effectively holding others to account  Welcomes and responds to views and challenges from others, despite any conflicting pressures  Promote diversity, inclusion and equality of opportunity, respecting difference | Application form  Assessment  Interview |
| **Behaviour – Communicating and Influencing** | |
| Engage in constructive professional dialogue with colleagues and key stakeholders, building effective partnerships and trust  Explain complex issues in a way that is easy to understand and is appropriate to the audience  Deliver difficult messages with clarity and sensitivity and considers the impact of the language used  Remain open minded and impartial while respecting the diverse interests and opinions of others | Application form  Assessment  Interview |
| **Behaviour – Making effective decisions** | |
| Make sound judgements and reliable decisions in a variety of demanding and time-pressured situations  Clarify own understanding before making decisions and encourage innovative suggestions and challenge from others to inform decision making  Analyse and accurately interpret data from various sources to support decisions  Present reasonable conclusions from a wide range of complex evidence  Make decisions confidently even when details are unclear or if they prove to be unpopular | Application form  Assessment  Interview |
| **Behaviour – Delivering at pace** | |
| Manage competing priorities effectively and ensures the timely delivery of quality outcomes  Complies with legal and regulatory requirements  Demonstrate resilience and maintains own levels of performance in challenging circumstances and encourages others to do the same  Ensure everyone clearly understands and owns their roles and responsibilities | Application form  Assessment  Interview |
| **Desirable Requirements** | **Tested by** |
| **Technical** | |
| Successfully completed training as an Inspector of Education and Training (Registered Inspector, Additional Inspector or Peer Inspector) | Application form |
| **Ability** | |
| Able to communicate effectively through the medium of Welsh | Application form  Assessment  Interview |