Guidance

Payments for contracted Ofsted inspectors

Find out how much you would be paid as a contracted Ofsted inspector for the different tasks you would perform.

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The amount you will be paid when contracting as an Ofsted inspector will depend on which remit you are working in and the role you perform.

All the amounts are inclusive of travel and subsistence.

Shadow and sign off inspections form part of your training to become an Ofsted inspector, and you will not be paid for these.

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If you are inspecting a school or a further education and skills provider, you will be paid a daily rate. This rate will depend on the type of role you are taking.

Inspections vary in length depending on the size of the provision and the remit.

Lead inspectors

If you are the lead inspector, you will receive £535 per day.

Team inspectors

If you are a team inspector, you will receive £335 per day.

Specialist activities

For any additional specialist activities you carry out, such as quality assurance or complaints investigation, you will receive £392 per day.

A full day is likely to include the quality assurance of an average of 3 inspection outputs and summary evidence.

Early years

If you are carrying out any of the following, you will be paid £250:

- a registration and approval visit for a childminder or childcarer
- an inspection of a childminder
- being an additional inspector of a larger provision

Other roles

You will be paid between £300 and £420 for an inspection of other providers on the Early Years Register. The payment will depend on the type of setting and how it operates.

If you carry out an inspection of a childcare provider registered only on the Childcare Register, you will be paid £120.

Specialist activities

For any quality assurance reports you work on, you will receive £30 per hour, up to £180 per day. A full day is likely to include the quality assurance of an average of 6 inspection outputs and summary

evidence.

If you work on a complaint investigation, you will be paid £270. These usually take a day and a half to complete.

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