

Estyn, the education and training inspectorate for Wales, is a Crown body, established under the Education Act 1992. It is independent of the National Assembly for Wales, but funded by the Welsh Government. We inspect quality and standards in schools, colleges, local authority education services and other areas.

All education and training providers will be inspected at least once during the 7 year period which began 1 September 2016. Providers receive three weeks' written notice of inspection, with the exception of local government education services which receive 10 weeks' notice and initial teacher education which receive 8 weeks' notice.

Common inspection framework

The common inspection framework is used for all inspections of education and training providers in Wales. Estyn is currently reviewing the inspection arrangements for non-maintained settings and initial teacher education and training.



The judgements

Excellent Very strong, sustained performance and practice.	Good Strong features, although minor aspects may require improvement.	Adequate and needs improvement Strengths outweigh weaknesses, but important aspects require improvement.	Unsatisfactory and needs urgent improvement Important weaknesses outweigh strengths.
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Inspection follow-up

This depends on factors such as the judgements awarded and the areas requiring improvement. The table below shows the different types of 'follow-up'.

	School	Non-maintained	Post-16**	Work-based learning
Local authority monitoring		X		
Estyn review	X			X
Estyn monitoring		X	X	
Focussed improvement		X		
Significant improvement*	X			
Special measures*	X			
Re-inspection			X	X

*denotes a statutory category ** except work-based learning providers

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 - Individual inspections or inspection reports;
 - political matters; and/ or
 - any enquiries during a pre-election period.
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Inspection arrangements: the duration and the team

Non-maintained settings No of days: 1 Lead: RGN/HMI No. of inspectors: 1	Independent No. of days: 3-3.5 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 3-7	Work-based learning No. of days: 6 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 11
Primary No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI/RGI No. of inspectors: 3-6	Independent special No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 3-4	Welsh for adults No. of days: 4 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 5
Secondary No. of days: 3.5 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 6-8	Independent specialist colleges No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 3-4	Youth Offending Teams No. of days: 4 Lead: HMI Probation No. of inspectors: 1
Special No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 4-6	Further education No. of days: 8 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 15- 24	All-age No. of days: 3.5 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 7-10
Pupil Referral Units No. of days: 3 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 4-5	Prison No. of days: 4 Lead: HMI Prisons No. of inspectors: 4	Local Government education services No. of days: 5 Lead: HMI No. of inspectors: 7
Adult learning Under review	Initial teacher education and training Under review	

± +1 Ofsted HMI if 10 or more learners are funded by English placing (excludes Independent specialist colleges)

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