

## Fir Safety Inspector Apprenticeship - Consultation 14 March – 14 April

You are invited to complete this consultation for the Review of the Apprenticeship Standard.

The trailblazer group consisting of Fire and Rescue Services have work together with the Military and Training Providers to develop and update the existing Fire Safety Inspector Apprenticeship to reflect role of the Fire Safety Inspector. The attached PDF should be used when completing the consultation.

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### Occupation summary

The occupation of Fire Safety Inspector can be found in the Fire and Rescue sector. The fire and rescue sector is formed of three elements, prevention, protection and response. The occupation of fire safety inspector is a specialist role within the protection element, linking closely with the other two elements of protection and response.

The broad purpose of the occupation is to assess the level of fire safety in the built environment in their area and instigate improvements, where necessary, to preserve life, to reduce damage to property and the environment and to support economic growth.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts effectively with partner agencies, particularly local regulatory services teams to join up enforcement work.

- They work with external stakeholders within the community.
- They attend internal and external meetings with stakeholders, such as Safety Advisory Groups, and investigate complaints regarding fire safety in commercial premises.
- The also exchange information effectively with operational crews, prevention teams and partner agencies to ensure an integrated approach to the management of fire risk.

They will also provide support and technical expertise to colleagues and other departments, including mentoring and training, to ensure effective sharing of knowledge.

An employee in this occupation will be responsible for providing advice, participating in consultations, the enforcement of legislation relating to fire safety and supporting investigations and prosecutions. Fire Safety Inspectors inspect complex premises and support businesses by giving advice on how to comply with regulations. Fire Safety Inspectors work at supervisory/managerial level within the fire sector, but they may not necessarily supervise or manage others.

### Typical job titles

A fire safety inspector may also be called a fire safety auditor in some organisations.

## Duties

Duty 1	Carry out Fire Safety inspections/audits of premises in line with current fire safety legislation
Duty 2	Enforce Fire Safety legislation in accordance with organisational policy, to include collecting/providing evidence, where appropriate
Duty 3	Gather, process and share information with other FRS personnel and external partners relevant to their safety or where it may assist in the performance of their duties.
Duty 4	Identify premises, individuals and groups which represent levels of high risk and use that information to inform their organisational risk targeted activities.
Duty 5	Examine and respond to consultations and submissions from external stakeholders and provide advice in order to determine compliance with statutory codes of practice and other fire safety related legislation with applicable time constraints. Submissions and consultations could include: planning, building regulations, House(s) of Multiple Occupancy, licencing, marriage venues, etc
Duty 6	Support formal fire safety investigations as required by the organisation and take appropriate action
Duty 7	Contribute to the policy and procedures that relate to legislative guidance on matters concerning Fire Safety
Duty 8	Provide technical advice and support on fire safety regulations and guidance documents to internal and external stakeholders
Duty 9	Support better regulation by having regard for Primary Authority and interacting with Primary Authority Partnerships.
Duty 10	Provide support and guidance to businesses to reduce fire and unwanted fire signals (e.g. from automatic fire alarms)
Duty 11	Collaborate effectively with partner agencies, particularly local regulatory services teams to join up enforcement activities.
Duty 12	Attend internal and external meetings with stakeholders for example Safety Advisory Groups to provide guidance and support with fire safety matters to ensure the safety of the public.
Duty 13	Respond to alleged fire risks/complaints and post fire enquiries

## Knowledge Skills and Behaviours

K1	The principles of the Fire Safety Order and other fire safety legislation, building regulations legislation and relevant codes of practice including national guidance and best practice.
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K2	How the Fire Safety Order interacts with other legislation, guidance and best practice
K3	The Primary Authority
K4	Levels of compliance and how they interact with the Enforcement Management Model and Better Regulation
K5	How to carry out fire safety audits on complex premises
K6	Different types of premises or environments, the associated risks and management levels
K7	Fire safety principles for high risk and complex premises or venues, in accordance with recognised guidance
K8	Fire Risk Assessment processes
K9	Safeguarding issues and concerns and the actions to take
K10	The different groups and individuals you may interact with as part of your role
K11	How to initiate and undertake enforcement activities
K12	How to work with other agencies to enforce fire safety legislation
K13	The different types of formal response and the timescales
K14	Why operational staff need to have valid, reliable and up to date information on premises, where it is stored and how it can be accessed and used
K15	Your role in supporting formal investigations and the actions you can take.
K16	The legislation, policies and procedures of the organisation and how these affect the role, including data protection, confidentiality, health and safety and lone working plus other relevant organisational policies and procedures.
K17	Causes and consequences of fires and unwanted fire signals
K18	The purpose and role of collaborative partners, sharing of information and the advantages of collaborative working
S1	Carry out an inspection/audit of complex premises and venues and assess the risks and evaluate the level of fire safety management
S2	To identify and constructively challenge non-compliance
S3	Produce fire safety reports, formal and informal correspondence, statutory and/or non-statutory notices and plans according to organisational policies and procedures
S4	Identify safeguarding issues, such as hoarding, child sexual exploitation, slavery, vulnerability etc. and take appropriate action
S5	Evaluate risk levels for yourself, others and the environment and take appropriate action to ensure health and safety is maintained
S6	Ensure compliance with Fire safety legislation in the built environment through application of British standards, guidance and best practice.
S7	Work with other agencies, such as local and national regulators
S8	Demonstrate clear communication skills verbally and in writing, with the ability to interact with a wide range of audiences, being persuasive and confident.

S9	Interpret and apply British or other relevant standards, guidance and/or best practice to evaluate fire safety design submissions and fire protection systems.
S10	To assess fire safety concerns, deliver fire safety advice as required and make decisions to instigate improvements
S11	Respond to enquiries and requests from other organisations, in accordance with the Primary Authority.
<b>B1</b>	Embraces and values equality, diversity and inclusion, treating everyone with dignity and respect
<b>B2</b>	Demonstrates leadership through commitment and ability to develop self and others to improve organisational effectiveness and support a learning culture.
<b>B3</b>	Acts with confidence and integrity, applying sound judgement with accuracy and rigour to create safe, effective and practical outcomes.
<b>B4</b>	Work within own level of authority, responsibility and competence and recognise when to seek support and/or assistance
<b>B5</b>	Committed to supporting a strong safety culture and collaborating with others where necessary
<b>B6</b>	Contributes to achievements of self, others and organisation, by the establishment, maintenance and management of standards of performance
<b>B7</b>	Takes personal responsibility to identify and challenge unsafe or inappropriate behaviours and processes.
<b>B8</b>	Demonstrates their contribution to - respect life, the law, the environment and put our communities first