



Pearson International Academic Test Inspector

JOB DESCRIPTION

Purpose of this role

To undertake unannounced inspection visits to international centres to ensure exams are being delivered with integrity and in accordance with Pearson and regulatory requirements.

Key accountabilities

The Pearson Academic Test Inspector will:

- Attend and complete annual training and pass standardisation.
- Ensure availability for academic exam inspection visits is fully updated through the agreed method.
- Inform the Test Inspection team of any changes to circumstances where accepted allocations cannot be met 48 hours before the exam is due to take place.
- Follow the protocols set out in the academic test report form which are derived from the guidance document and training.
- Carry out unannounced inspection visits to each centre allocated to you to review the security of confidential materials and to ensure the effective delivery and management of exams you have been contracted to review.
- Carry out unannounced, accompanied (member of Pearson Test Inspection team) inspection visits to each centre allocated to you as and when required.
- Produce a qualitative report for each test inspection visit, identifying any necessary requirements clearly and concisely, SMART action planning and to make recommendations, in accordance with guidance and training.
- Recommend certification suspension or further urgent actions that may affect the integrity of the certification (including malpractice) to Pearson immediately after the visit.
- Report back to Pearson within agreed timelines.
- Fully support the Pearson academic process.
- Undertake additional training as and when identified by the Test Inspection team.
- Undertake any other duties appropriate to the work of Business Improvement and Regulation in relation to the role of a Pearson academic Test Inspector.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Previous Work Experience

Essential

- Knowledge or experience of quality operations and management in an education/training setting within the last 2 years.
- Knowledge or previous experience of the examination process either within a centre as an Exams Officer, Deputy Head, Head or equivalent relevant experience within an Awarding Body and be familiar with examinations administration.

Desirable

- Experience of working as an exam invigilator
- Experience of working as an exam officer
- Experience of making presentations or training of personnel

Skills & Knowledge

Essential

- Knowledge or experience of quality issues arising from quality operations
- Expertise in the analysis of quality operations and/or processes
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent IT skills
- Ability to make judgements on quality of systems and processes
- Ability to understand the implications of decisions taken on Pearson's behalf.
- Able to make decisions under pressure
- Ability to support centres and provide relevant advice
- Ability to develop and monitor clear action plans
- Ability to work towards and meet deadlines
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Ability to work on behalf of Pearson and not to operate outside the sphere of responsibility defined within this job description
- Be extremely organised and able to keep complete and accurate records

Desirable

- Knowledge of JCQ requirements
- Knowledge of Pearson academic exams
- Knowledge of Pearson external assessment
- Working knowledge of Regulatory/Standard Setting Body restrictions

Requirements

Any Associate undertaking this role must:

- Have personal IT equipment capable of running Pearson required software
- Download and be able to use Adobe Reader
- Have a stable and secure internet connection
- Have a personal and password secured email account
- Declare any conflicts of interest that could impact on the role
- Understand the implications of decisions taken on behalf of Pearson
- Ability to visit organisations/centres during a working week (including term times) at short notice (maximum up to 5 days notice) - January, May, June, October and November.
- Be willing to travel to overseas centres
- Ability to make travel arrangements, including visa requests.
- Hold a current passport
- Keep up to date with international travel restrictions
- Be able to meet agreed turnaround times from receiving an allocation, conducting a visit to submitting the report
- Abide by the terms of conditions as stated in the contract for work
- Successfully complete annual training and standardisation
- Successfully complete any security training/updates required