

Steps to becoming a Registered Play Inspector – Inflatables

Am I eligible?

To be eligible you will already have a good working knowledge of design, manufacture, materials used, operating, maintenance and inspection of Inflatable Play Equipment. You will probably already have carried out annual inspections.

You will have a good working knowledge of the Draft European Standard for Inflatable Play Equipment, ETIS7 and PM76. You will also have a full understanding and capability to apply Risk Assessment to Inflatable Play Equipment. An understanding of how children use this type of equipment is also essential. **ALL CANDIDATES MUST HAVE AND PRODUCE A CURRENT PAT TESTING CERTIFICATE BEFORE SITTING THE RPII EXAMINATION**

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How do I apply?

STAGE 1

Prepare a portfolio of your work. This could include the following:

- a brief CV giving details of relevant experience
- a copy if available of two recent annual inspection reports carried out by you.
- the names of two referees, preferably previous employers or customers for whom you have carried out Annual Inspections
- a copy of current PAT testing certificate

This portfolio should then be sent to RPII at the address below, together with:

- a signed copy of the enclosed Membership and Examination Application Form
- details of your Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurances
- a passport size photograph
- the sum due

The portfolio will then be evaluated and if it meets the above criteria by showing that you have the required experience and knowledge, you will proceed to Stage 2.

If you do not have the required experience and knowledge, you will be notified of courses, which you could attend to increase your competence. In that event, your fees will be returned, less an administration fee of £25.

Please note that the evaluation is not a significant hurdle itself, it is merely aimed at avoiding people spending money on a full assessment when they clearly do not have the requisite knowledge.

STAGE 2

If you progress to stage 2, you will be required to attend an assessment day. The assessment day will consist of two parts, a written and a practical examination.

Written:

The written examination will consist of two papers containing some multiple choice questions. Both papers will test your knowledge of the Draft Standard, ETIS 7, PM76 and your working knowledge of the design, manufacture, materials used, operating, maintenance and inspection of inflatable play equipment.

Practical:

Practical inflatable inspections of one hour duration will be carried out in the presence of an RPII examiner. You will be required to carry out inspections of inflatable play equipment. You will need to describe what you are doing and explain the reasons for your actions. You will also need to make notes. The examiner may ask questions to clarify why you are inspecting in a particular manner.

You will be permitted to refer to your own short codes, reference book, Standard, etc.

You will be required to demonstrate that you know how to use EN1176 Standard probes during the course of your inspection. Probes will be available on site, or you may bring your own.

An important emphasis of the assessment will be on your ability to identify hazards as well as technical failures linked to the requirements of the Draft Standard, ETIS 7 and PM76.

At the conclusion of the practical inspections your written notes will be viewed by the examiner who will countersign and photocopy them and return them to you. The reports will be completed on a pro-forma report provided. You will be allowed one hour to complete this task.

The Inspection Report must be based on the notes you have made on site, although it is quite permissible to refer to the Draft Standard for clarification where the data is not commonly used. The written inspection site notes will, therefore, need to indicate where you considered there might be failures and what they might be. A copy of these notes and the initial report you complete on site will be taken by the examiner.

STAGE 3:

On satisfactory completion of the examination your name will be entered onto the Register and appropriate documentation supplied.

**Applications should be returned to:
Register of Play Inspectors International Ltd,
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