

## **Practical Inspection**

The on-site inspection will be undertaken on a suitable playground or playgrounds. A 45 minute examination is anticipated as the candidate will have to explain matters to the examiner and answer questions as appropriate.

The inspection site(s) should include:

### **Ancillary items**

- Access
- Fencing
- Gate
- Seat
- Litter bin
- Signage

### **Equipment (metal and timber)**

- Swing Slide
- Rotating item
- Rocking item
- Spring item
- Climbing frame
- Multi-play

### **Surfacing**

- Wet pour
- Tiles
- Loose-fill

### **Inspection process**

The candidate will be asked to undertake a practical on-site annual inspection and produce a report suitable for submission to a client. The inspection shall be non-dismantling and not involve the use of ladders.

## **Paperwork**

The candidate shall submit on-site paperwork and a report within 14 days

## **Tools**

The candidate should display and show knowledge of an appropriate range of tools. A set of EN1176 compliant probes is considered essential to carry out Annual Inspections.

## **Inspection**

The candidate will describe each inspection process and findings to the examiner, using whatever tools or tests are necessary. The candidate will be expected to identify those items covered by the competencies. Where further research is required on the candidate's part, this will be identified to the examiner.

## **Examination Design**

The candidate will talk through the design of the site, paying particular attention to:

- Traffic flow problems
- Minimum Space requirements
- Age separation
- Suitability of ancillary items, equipment and surfacing
- Any other environmental or general hazards
- General surfacing

## **Ancillary items**

### ***Individual items***

The candidate will talk through:

- Identification
- Compliance with EN1176 or other relevant standard
- Recommendations for action
- Inspection of structural and other components
- Identification of faults
- Remedial work required

## **Equipment inspections**

### ***Individual items***

The candidate will talk through:

- Identification
- Compliance with EN1176 or other relevant standard
- Risk assessment of the item in relation to standard compliance
- Recommendations for action
- Inspection of frame and moving parts
- Identification of faults
- Remedial work required
- Surfacing dimensions
- Identification of faults
- Remedial work required

### **Examiner**

The examiner will ensure that candidates fully understand the equipment and competencies required. He will ask whatever questions are necessary to ensure the candidate has a full and clear understanding of the inspection.

The examiner will carry an assessment sheet listing each item and the areas of competency. Marks will be awarded out of five for each item or area inspected. This will comprise 75% of the total. The remaining 25% will be given on assessment of the site paperwork and prepared report.

The examiner will supply, in writing, to the Board an assessment of the candidate, together with the examiner's site sheet, his assessment of the site paperwork and the report.