

EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSPECTORATE

Home Office (Tier 4) Educational Oversight Inspections

Inspection Fees

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The fees for full Tier 4 Educational Oversight inspections and Annual Monitoring Review inspections conducted by the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) are detailed below. Fees are paid at different stages of the inspection process:

Note: Additional fees may be payable, and inspections may be cancelled, if an organisation is found to have provided inaccurate information on their application.

ETI (Tier 4) Educational Oversight inspection – Fees¹		
Activity	Amount	How to Pay
<p>Application stage</p> <p>Applicable for organisations applying for full-educational oversight inspections for the first time, and for organisations that have been unsuccessful in their first or any subsequent full-educational oversight inspections and are submitting a new application. This fee must be submitted along with the application form and is in addition to the Inspection stage fee detailed below.</p> <p>Both the Application fee and Inspection Stage fee must be paid in full before the inspection can take place.</p>	<p>£1300 + vat</p>	<p>The application fee should be submitted with the application form, otherwise the application will not be accepted.</p> <p>When the application and inspection process is confirmed, organisations will be invoiced within 10 days of receipt and acceptance of their application for the Inspection Stage fee. This should be submitted in full at least two weeks before the inspection is to be carried out.</p> <p>Payment in full must be received prior to the inspection taking place.</p>
<p>Inspection Stage</p> <p>Organisations that have had a successful outcome on their first full educational oversight inspection and are participating in the four year inspection cycle will not normally be charged an application fee for subsequent full educational oversight inspections. They will, however, have to pay an Inspection Stage fee for each subsequent full educational oversight inspection, and the full fee for all subsequent annual monitoring review inspections.</p>	<p>£9750 + vat</p> <p>(Note that this is the maximum fee and may be subject to change depending on the size and duration of the inspection. ETI will inform the organisation about any revised fees)</p>	<p>Organisations will be invoiced within 10 days of receipt and acceptance of their application for the Inspection Stage fee. This should be submitted in full at least two weeks before the inspection is to be carried out.</p> <p>Payment in full must be received prior to the inspection taking place.</p>
<p>Annual Monitoring Review Inspection</p> <p>The fee should be submitted with the application form.</p>	<p>£650 + vat</p>	<p>The application fee should be submitted with the application form, otherwise the application will not be accepted.</p>
<p>Quality Improvement Planning Inspection</p> <p>The fee should be submitted with the application form.</p>	<p>£325 + vat</p>	<p>The application fee should be submitted with the application form, otherwise the application will not be accepted.</p>

¹ Fees may be subject to change and will be posted on the ETI website.

Why is there a fee for Educational Oversight inspections and annual monitoring review inspections?

The ETI does not receive any funding to cover the direct costs incurred in Educational Oversight or Annual Monitoring Review inspections. As a result, the costs of such inspections must be borne by applicant organisations.

What does the application fee include?

The application fee for Educational Oversight inspections includes the receipt and processing of an application, and the organisation of an inspection by the ETI. You will receive confirmation of the acceptance or otherwise of your application. If your application and inspection process is confirmed, the Inspection Stage fee must then be paid in full before the inspection can take place. It is the organisation's responsibility to ensure that the appropriate officials in the Home Office are fully informed of the status of the application and inspection process.

Will the inspection fees be refundable in the event of an unsuccessful inspection outcome?

No.

If the outcome of the original inspection is not successful, is there a follow-up inspection process and is there a fee attached to this?

No. Please refer to Home Office guidelines² for organisations who fail to achieve Educational Oversight.

What is an Annual Monitoring Review Inspection?

The Home Office requires the ETI to carry out an Annual Monitoring Review inspection of the quality of the provision offered by any organisation which has attained Educational Oversight, as part of a four year quality cycle.

What is a Quality Improvement Planning Inspection?

This is a risk-based inspection for established organisations that have had two full education oversight inspections and demonstrated a high level of capacity for improvement.

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sponsor-a-tier-4-student-guidance-for-educators>