



## Inspectors - Drinking Water Inspectorate

£35,590 - £42,542 pa (SPTO grade)

Based in Central London

The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) is one of the three independent regulators of the water industry in England and Wales, and is responsible for assessing the quality of public water supplies in England and Wales. This is done by way of technical audit of water companies' monitoring arrangements and water supply systems and through the investigation of incidents affecting drinking water quality. An increasingly important aspect of DWI's work is providing consumers with impartial, accurate and easily understood information about drinking water.

You should preferably have a good honour's degree or equivalent qualification in a subject related to water supply, such as chemistry. Ideally this should be supported by significant postgraduate experience in the water industry; however, applicants with postgraduate experience of environmental regulation in another industry will be considered. Candidates without a relevant degree will be considered but they will need to demonstrate extensive practical knowledge and experience of the water industry. In all cases membership of an appropriate professional body is desirable.

The nature of the work is varied. It is essential that you have the ability to operate flexibly, and to analyse information objectively. You must also be able to communicate technical information to all key stakeholders, including water company staff, colleagues and members of the public. You will have good IT skills and be well organised. As travelling is an integral part of the job, often to areas not served by public transport, you should have a valid driving licence, although it may be possible to adjust this requirement for those who have difficulty meeting it because of a disability. Media training and project management skills would be advantageous.

Training in all aspects of DWI's work will be provided and there will be opportunities to gain experience and to develop your specific areas of expertise. DWI is committed to a programme of continuous professional development as part of the Defra Investors in People programme.

Candidates invited for interview will be expected to give a short presentation, of up to five minutes and without visual aids, on the attributes that they will bring to the Inspectorate to further enhance its delivery as the regulator of drinking water quality.

For further information about the work of the DWI, please visit [www.dwi.gov.uk](http://www.dwi.gov.uk)

**If you would like an application form and job description, please contact the Recruitment Team on 0845 603 7262 or [ssd.yorkrecruitment@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ssd.yorkrecruitment@defra.gsi.gov.uk) quoting reference IRC 57058. Send an electronic copy of the completed form to the [ssd.yorkrecruitment@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ssd.yorkrecruitment@defra.gsi.gov.uk) mailbox quoting reference IRC 57058. For any further information, please contact [suzanne.calmels@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.calmels@defra.gsi.gov.uk)**

**Closing date: 2 March 2012**

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