

Deputy Chief Inspector Vacancy

The Insolvency Practitioners Association (IPA) is developing and expanding its insolvency monitoring team and would be pleased to receive applications from anyone interested in the compliance field as a full time Inspector. The role of Deputy Chief Inspector is a key role and an applicant needs to demonstrate leadership qualities. Along with helping manage the inspection team, the applicant will need to have an interest in being actively involved in regulatory change and in ensuring that the IPA meets its regulatory objectives.

The Deputy Chief Inspector (DCI) will play a key role in the IPA's regulatory objectives which include developing professional and ethical standards and also protecting and promoting the public interest by dealing promptly with an act or omission by an insolvency practitioner which is serious enough to cause harm to the public, brings the reputation of the insolvency industry into disrepute by reducing public confidence or fails to uphold proper standards of conduct and performance.

A key part of the role is to conduct monitoring visits for insolvency practitioners to check standards and performance. Visits are either conducted in their offices or increasingly these are being conducted remotely to review files and check on compliance with the laws, rules and ethics of practice in insolvency and Anti-Money Laundering. Visits involve interviewing practitioners and key members of staff, reviewing systems and preparing reports for consideration by the IPA's Regulation & Conduct Committee which assesses a practitioner's fitness to practise. Inspectors also regulate registered property receivers.

The DCI will be based at home and whilst much of the role can increasingly be conducted remotely the role will eventually require travel extensively around the UK in order to conduct some of the visits, completing around 25 remote or onsite visits per year. Typically, a visit takes between two and four days.

We are looking for someone who is self-sufficient and self-motivating, able to manage and prioritise their own work, whilst collaborating across the team and other members of the regulation department. During inspections you will be the IPA's primary contact with a practitioner and it is therefore important to have the ability to form firm but co-operative professional relationships with practitioners and from time to time deal diplomatically with potentially contentious issues. From visiting so many practices, you will gain an unrivalled experience of the different ways various practitioners work and often be in a position to assist practitioners by sharing knowledge. The job also offers an opportunity to contribute towards policy and practice within the IPA and the profession as a whole. A knowledge and experience of insolvency, law and compliance is essential.

How to apply:

Applications should be submitted to David Holland, Chief Inspector, by email to davidh@ipa.uk.com. Your application should include a letter that details your suitability for the job and a CV.

Application Terms and Conditions:

Salary: Competitive salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Benefits: incl. private health scheme, death in service insurance cover and contributory pension scheme.

Annual Leave: 25 days, with an opportunity to purchase up to a further week.

Post: Full-time position, 35 hours per week with regular travel and work required outside normal working hours.

Closing date: Close of business, Wednesday 8 July 2020.

Please note that the IPA reserves the right to bring forward the closing date of any of its job vacancies if we receive a suitable number of high-quality applications from which to make a shortlist. Therefore, we recommend that you apply for one of our roles as soon as possible rather than wait until the published closing date.