



The Department for Education's offer to the Overseas Territories

Subject to the availability of resources and by agreement, the Department for Education (DfE) can provide the following services to the Overseas Territories across the full range of its responsibilities, including education and children's services:

- policy and technical advice
- access to policy experts, stakeholders and voluntary groups
- information about training for teachers, school leaders and the education workforce more generally
- short-term secondments for territory officials
- voluntary inspection of British Schools Overseas (in those territories that deliver a similar curriculum to England – such as the Bermuda High School for Girls or the British West Indies Collegiate)
- advice on the registration of independent schools, school governance and home education

Working with the department

In accessing these services, the first point of contact for the territories is the Department's International Education Division (IED), which can channel requests to relevant policy teams.

IED is also the point of contact for the territories in coordinating their representation in the international system, notably at Commonwealth meetings.

More generally, IED is responsible for providing information and evidence on education systems around the world as well for a number of international comparison surveys of pupil performance. These include the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment ([PISA](#)), the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study ([PIRLS](#)) and the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study ([TIMSS](#)). IED can offer information and advice to the territories on the benefits of participation in such surveys.

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More information on the voluntary inspection program for British schools overseas is available [on the Department's website](#).