



THE SCOTTISH MOTOR RACING CLUB
SCRUTINEERING
PATHWAY

Becoming a scrutineer is a fun and rewarding way to get involved in the Scottish Motor racing community whilst developing valuable skills and experiences that can help your CV at the same time.

Scrutineers play a vital role within motorsport events in Scotland and beyond, to ensure that competitors are able to compete fairly and safely.

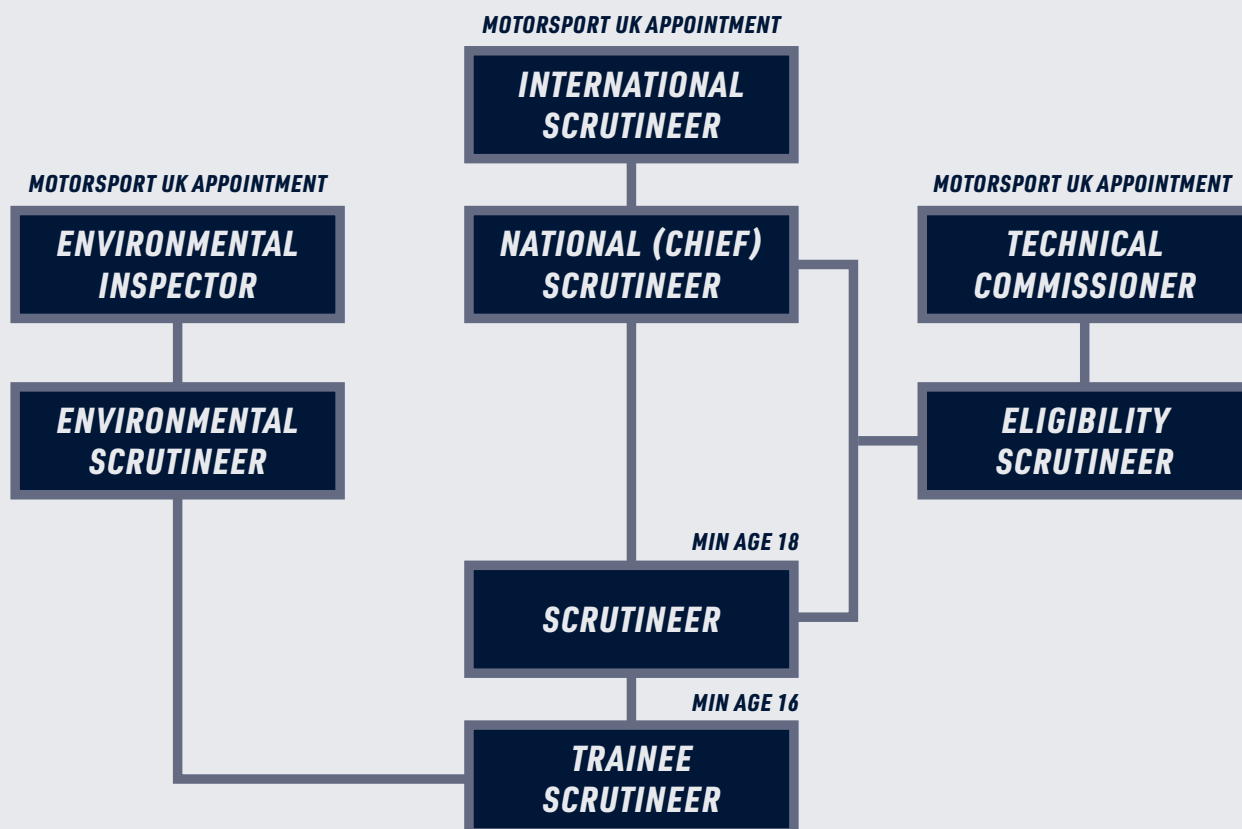
A Scrutineer's job is to check that competing vehicles comply with the relevant technical regulations, which help to ensure safety and fair play.

The diagram below highlights the pathway for scrutineers to progress within the sport. Each role within the pathway requires different skill sets, levels of training and experience. Whilst there is no obligation to progress, if you are ambitious and choose to develop through the pathway you will gain a range of skills that will not only help to make you more attractive to

employers but will also provide you with the opportunity to join the technical team at events like the British Grand Prix and the Le Mans 24 Hours.

In this document you will find a breakdown of each scrutineering role, detailing what the role involves and a description of the training, experience and skills you will need to take on the role.

If you have any queries about any of the information contained within this guide you can contact: admin@smrc.co.uk



TRAINEE SCRUTINEER

What is it	The Trainee Scrutineer position is the first step on the scrutineering pathway; it represents an ideal opportunity to get involved and learn first hand about scrutineering. You must be 16 years or over. You will be allocated a mentor and supported through your modular training. Initially you will observe qualified scrutineers and you will also assist them in their duties, checking competition vehicles and drivers safety equipment. As you gain experience and confidence you will become increasingly more hands on in this process. It will take at least 12 months and experience at a range of events in order to complete your training and progress to the full scrutineer role.
Responsible to	National Scrutineer.
Responsible for	N/A.
Experience needed	None, although technical interest and experience would be advantageous.
Training	There is no training required before you start this role, but both practical modular training will be provided to you within this role.
Skills you will need	An ability to adapt and work well as part of a team and lots of enthusiasm for motorsport!

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SCRUTINEER

What is it	As a scrutineer you are responsible for carrying out safety checks on competition vehicles. You will work with colleagues before and during events to ensure vehicles comply with technical requirements. This will involve checking seats, harnesses, safety equipment, roll cages and the general vehicle safety and communicate any irregularities to competitors. This is an important role as you are helping to ensure the safety of vehicles and competitors. Whilst you will be supported by the national scrutineer, you are expected to work autonomously without supervision.
Responsible to	National Scrutineer.
Responsible for	You may be required to support and mentor trainees.
Experience needed	Normally 12 months' experience as a trainee scrutineer.
Training	You must have completed your Trainee Scrutineer Module and have been recommended for upgrade by two National Scrutineers.
Skills you will need	Strong understanding of technical regulations, an understanding of vehicle engineering, an ability to communicate effectively and to work autonomously. You will also need reasonable mobility to enable you to perform checks on all parts of the vehicle.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINEER

What is it	The environmental scrutineer carries out checks to control the environmental impact of motorsport. Primarily, this is measuring sound levels to ensure they comply with the regulatory noise limits. You may also be required to advise competitors on their duties to minimise environmental damage (e.g. How to clean up and dispose of oil spillages). Once graduated as a trainee, you can opt to become an environmental scrutineer and/or a scrutineer (many people do both as it makes them more rounded scrutineers). This role may also suit someone who is not as technically minded as a scrutineer or someone who has limited mobility.
Responsible to	National Scrutineer.
Responsible for	You may be required to support and mentor trainees.
Experience needed	Normally 12 months' experience as a trainee scrutineer.
Training	You must have completed your Trainee Scrutineer Module and the Environmental Module. You also need to be recommended for upgrade by two National Scrutineers.
Skills you will need	An ability to communicate effectively and to work autonomously, an understanding of how to measure sound levels and an eagerness to limit the environmental impacts of motorsport.

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ELIGIBILITY SCRUTINEER

What is it	Eligibility scrutineers are responsible for ensuring a level playing field for competitors by checking vehicles compliance with the technical regulations. This involves measuring and checking mechanical components to ensure that competitors are not gaining an unfair advantage. This could include checking engine capacities, transmission systems, suspension components, vehicle weight and ride heights. This requires good technical knowledge and mechanical understanding.
Responsible to	National Scrutineer.
Responsible for	You may be required to support and mentor trainees.
Experience needed	You need to be a qualified scrutineer, ideally with a couple of years experience in this role. A background working in mechanical or engineering sectors would be an advantageous.
Training	Completed the Eligibility Scrutineers training course. This is a one day course plus an assessment.
Skills you will need	Strong technical and mechanical knowledge and understanding of technical and judicial regulations. You will also need strong interpersonal skills and an ability to communicate and work as part of a team.

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NATIONAL (CHIEF) SCRUTINEER

What is it	The National Scrutineer selects and coordinates the scrutineering team in advance of an event and manages the scrutineering at the event. They are responsible for liaising with senior officials on matters such as technical protests and queries from competitors. In addition, you will be required to inspect vehicles after incidents to help establish the cause for senior officials. This is a leadership role for experienced scrutineers.
Responsible to	Clerk of the Course.
Responsible for	The scrutineering team.
Experience needed	At least 2 years as a scrutineer. A background working in mechanical or engineering sectors would be an advantageous as would experience leading a team and managing people.
Training	Completed the National Scrutineer training and assessment.
Skills you will need	Leadership, communications, strong interpersonal skills as well as excellent knowledge of the regulations.



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INTERNATIONAL SCRUTINEER

What is it

International scrutineers lead scrutineers on International level events such as Formula 1, Le Mans. These positions are by appointment of the governing body; you will need to have been successful as a National Scrutineer before being considered for selection.

TECHNICAL COMMISSIONER, ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTOR & ASSESSOR SCRUTINEER

What is it

These roles are appointed by Motorsport UK. Their functions are to provide advice and support to other officials - in their specialist areas - and carry out more detailed inspections and assessments where required.

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an SMRC Scrutineer***

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