

Fact Sheet: Building Surveyor

A job profile:

Building surveyors advise on various aspects of construction, maintenance, alteration and repair of residential and commercial properties. The nature of the work may vary in scale from multimillion-pound structures to modest alterations and repairs. It may also include working with buildings of architectural or historic importance.



Building surveyors can be involved in a variety of work including:

- Building maintenance and renovation – to inspect the quality of the property by identifying any problems that may affect the structure. They are required to locate the cause of any faults and provide a solution.
- Work on new buildings – they play a key role in the design of the building and are involved in the construction process from beginning to completion, often in a project management role.
- Taking action on dangerous structures.
- Advising on building regulations.
- Attend court to present evidence.



Which school subjects could lead to a career as a building surveyor?

It is recommended that you have a broad mix of science and technology subjects. It will also help if you enjoy the following school subjects:

- Design and technology
- Art and design
- Mathematics
- Science (particularly physics and chemistry)
- English

Becoming A Building Surveyor - Skills and Entry Requirements

For chartered status, building surveyors must follow one of the routes which the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) approves.

- The most straightforward route into this career is to study an accredited degree in building surveying followed by a period of structured learning whilst in employment (for at least two years) to attain chartered status.
- Graduates whose degree is not RICS accredited can do an accredited postgraduate course followed by the two year training as detailed above.

Other useful websites to explore:

- The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
<http://www.rics.org>
- For further information the following website is very useful.
<http://www.surveying-360.com>
- The Chartered Institute of Building
<http://www.ciob.org.uk>
- www.citbcsni.org.uk/careers
- www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers
- www.bconstructive.co.uk