Fact Sheet: Quantity Surveyor

A job profile:

Quantity surveyors manage and advise on all of the costs of a construction project taking into account labour, materials, taxes and maintenance costs.

On most projects key responsibilities could involve:

- Carrying out initial studies to estimate materials, time and labour costs.

- Putting together detailed information listing all of the materials and processes required to complete a project so that the contractors can put in an accurate price.

- Monitoring each stage of construction to make sure that costs are in line with forecasts.

- Providing financial reports to clients.

- Providing legal and contract advice to the client.

- Acting as overall project manager during construction.

Which school subjects could lead to a career as an quantity 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:

- Mathematics

- Design and technology

- English

- ICT

- Modern languages

Becoming An Quantity Surveyor - Skills and Entry Requirements

For chartered status, quantity 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 quantity surveying, or closely related subject.

- Graduates whose degree is not RICS accredited can do a conversion course, or if they have more than 10 years surveying related experience, they can still apply for membership.

- Once finished your academic studies you will need to undertake at least two years supervised work experience in order to become fully qualified as a chartered quantity surveyor.

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

- www.citbcsni.org.uk/careers

- www.nidirect.gov.uk/careers

- www.bconstructive.co.uk