



Certificate in Building Surveying Practice



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Language: English

Market sector: Construction and Built Environment

Course type: Perpetual training programme

Welcome

We are very excited that you have chosen to study the Certificate in Building Surveying Practice. This guide will set out some helpful information and tips for you to get the most out of this course. This guide contains the basic information about your course materials, how to engage with your peers and trainer and how to get support from the Training team.

First steps

1. Familiarise yourself with the guidance materials provided on the main page of your course.
2. Introduce yourself to your peers and your trainer in the Introduction Forum.
3. Bookmark the course page.
4. We recommend that you use Google Chrome.
5. Disable pop-up blockers in the settings of your Internet browser.

Method of study

This is an online course that you can study in your own time. There are six modules, plus an exam at the end of the course. In each module, you have access to eLearning, reading, case study and a quiz. You also have access to recorded consolidation sessions, where a tutor will take you through the module, case study, and any tricky elements of learning. Each module is expected to take you one month. You are given a further two months to complete your exam and complete any further outstanding work. After this time, the course will end, and you will no longer have access to these materials.

What support do you receive?

During the course, you will have access to a course discussion forum. If you have any **technical questions** about the subject, don't hesitate to post for support from our tutors.

Should you encounter any difficulties with the **course materials**, whether it is a technical or content-related issue, please contact the Online Academy team: onlineacademy@rics.org

Course description

As one of the largest areas in surveying practice, building surveying covers a wide range of professional roles. You will be asked to provide a variety of services related to the maintenance and care of buildings, and will work in areas such as building design, refurbishment or alteration, as well as other construction and property matters. As such, grasping crucial knowledge of construction technology, contracts and building pathology is vital in order to demonstrate your ability in building surveying practice.

In our course, you will learn the core principles of practice related to contract administration, construction and environmental services, design and specification, inspection and legal and regulatory compliance. Training in these key areas will furnish you with important knowledge and techniques for this multi-disciplined industry, and will give you a practical skill set with which to implement key building surveying techniques.

Course structure

Introduction – Meet the Trainer & Your Peers

Module 1 – Construction Technology and Environmental Services

Module 2 – Design and Specification

Module 3 – Inspection

Module 4 – Building Pathology

Module 5 – Contract Administration

Module 6 – Legal/Regulatory Compliance & Property Management

Online Course Exam

Learning outcomes

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Evaluate the different stages and process of design and construction works from inception to completion.
2. Recognise the functional requirements and performance of building materials and components, including typical defects, causes of failure, likely results and appropriate remedial measures.
3. Identify the roles and responsibilities of the contract administrator and implement necessary procedures.
4. Establish relevant requirements and techniques for carrying out property inspections.
5. Recognise the legal/regulatory requirements for surveying, including regulations and guidance for health and safety.

Learning resources

The resources in each technical module include various learning components to ensure you achieve the right level of knowledge for each competency.

eLearning - Interactive and fully responsive e-learning modules deliver the technical content in bite-size chunks, including examples, top tips, scenarios and activities for you to practice and assess your learning progress.

To ensure your progress is saved and you can resume where you left off, select the 'Exit course' button at the top right-hand corner of the screen before closing the e-learning window.

Reading materials - Each module is supported by structured reading materials such as professional guidance and standards, videos or the latest insight articles and research.

Essential reading files require you to view all files for the section to be marked as completed.

Further reading materials have been provided should you wish to expand your knowledge a bit further, but they are not mandatory.

iSurv troubleshooting tips - Some of the reading will be available on isurv. To request access to isurv, please email onlineacademy@rics.org.

Discussion forum - Forums are a great social learning tool for you to share information and experiences with your fellow students about the course topics, how they apply to you and/or your industry as well as to ask questions to your trainer, they will reply within 3 to 5 working days.

Case study - Every module has a graded case study for you to apply what you have learned in a more practical sense. The tutor will review your submission and provide you with feedback on your strengths, areas for improvement and actions to take.

After you have submitted the case study, a model answer will be automatically released. You must submit your case study for this activity to be marked as completed.

Consolidation session - This is a one-hour recorded webclass that consolidates learning from the e-learning modules, reading materials, case studies and common questions that have been raised in the forum. You do not need to mark this activity as completed.

End of module quiz - A short assessment at the end of each module tracks your progress in the course. Quizzes do not have a passing grade, but you must attempt them to have the activity marked as completed.

End of course exam - After you have completed all the learning activities (i.e., eLearning, case study and End of module quiz) in each module, you can unlock the final course exam. The exam consists of 50 multiple-choice questions. The passing grade is 65% and you will have one hour to complete it. You are allowed 2 attempts, however the second attempt is only released 24 hours after the first attempt.

Your certificate can be downloaded once you have passed the exam and answered the feedback survey.