



Suffolk Joint
Construction
Committee

Building Control Surveyor

Building Control is a key role within the construction industry, that's sole purpose is to ensure a buildings compliance with the requirements of the Building Regulations

THE ROLE

The purpose of building control, as set out by the government, is to ensure that all relevant building work accords with the government's objectives of securing the health and safety of building users, promoting energy efficiency and making access easier for all.

Building Control is enforced through the requirements of the Building Regulations and the Building Control Surveyor being involved in the construction process, assessing construction plans and undertaking site inspections.

OPPORTUNITIES

Building Control surveyors have to understand the whole of the construction process and have a broad knowledge of construction techniques and technology.

Through collaboration with many construction professionals a Building Control Surveyor has the opportunity to play a vital role in the project team and the success of a project.

CAREER PROGRESSION

TRAINEE
BUILDING
CONTROL
SURVEYOR

GRADUATE
BUILDING
CONTROL
SURVEYOR

BUILDING
CONTROL
SURVEYOR

CHARTERED
BUILDING
CONTROL
SURVEYOR

SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Starting salaries for a trainee building control surveyor are between £20,000 and £35,000 a year

A surveyor with several years experience can earn in the region of £35,000 and £45,000 a year

A qualified chartered building control surveyor can earn, depending on experience £45,000 and £80,000 a year

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ENTRY ROUTE

GCSEs and A-levels (A-C) in subjects

including Science, Technology, English and Maths would be helpful for a role as a building control surveyor.

Some surveyors enter through a degree route and it is useful for this to be accredited by the Royal Institution for Chartered Surveyors (RICS) to qualify as a RICS chartered building control surveyor.

Relevant subjects include:

- Surveying
- Construction
- Structural Engineering

If you are already working in construction you could take a part-time, distance learning postgraduate degree or an apprenticeship whilst working and studying an NVQ in Building Control, and progress to become a chartered engineer through The Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE).

You can find out more about careers and courses in surveying, by visiting the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) or Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) website.

TYPICAL TASKS FOR A PROFESSIONAL BUILDING CONTROL SURVEYOR

- Attending design team meetings to provide advise on compliance with the Building Regulations.
- Appraisal of construction plans to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations
- Undertaking site inspections on construction projects.
- Consultations with statutory authorities such as the Fire Service or Water Authority
- Issuing completion certificates to allow occupation of building.
- Dealing with dangerous structures to ensure public safety.
- Undertaking enforcement functions on unauthorised building work.

For more information on becoming a professional building control surveyor visit:

www.cbuilde.com www.rics.org
www.labc.co.uk
www.theacai.org
or talk to your local college

Your career journey starts here!

