



Suffolk Joint
Construction
Committee

Contractor's Quantity Surveyor

As a quantity surveyor working for a contractor, you will play a key role in a building project, managing the costs from the early design plans, through to the building's completion.

THE ROLE

If you have a good knowledge of construction methods and materials, are well organised and want a professional level job, this job could be ideal for you.

As a quantity surveyor, you could work on a variety of different projects including:

- Housing and industrial sites
- Retail and commercial developments
- Roads, rail and waterways

It's your job to make sure that projects achieve the expected financial performance for the contractor.

SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Starting salaries can be between £20,000 and £25,000 a year

With experience this can rise to between £30,000 and £55,000

Senior chartered quantity surveyors can earn between £50,000 and £65,000 a year

CAREER PROGRESSION

TRAINEE
QUANTITY
SURVEYOR

QUANTITY
SURVEYOR

REGIONAL
QUANTITY
SURVEYOR

COMMERCIAL
MANAGER

Contractors Quantity Surveyor

ENTRY ROUTE

You need a degree or professional qualification accredited by the Royal Institution for Chartered Surveyors (RICS) to qualify as a chartered quantity surveyor. Relevant subjects include:

- Surveying
- Construction
- Civil Engineering
- Structural Engineering

If you are already working in engineering or construction, you could take a part-time, distance learning postgraduate degree while working – many of RICS's accredited postgraduate degrees are available to study in this way.

You could also take an HNC, HND or foundation degree in surveying then start work as a surveying technician. Once working, you could complete further study to qualify as a quantity surveyor.

You can find out more about careers and courses in surveying, by visiting the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) websites.

TYPICAL TASKS FOR A CONTRACTORS QUANTITY SURVEYOR:

- Measure, monitor and record the financial aspects of all construction projects
- Carry out profit and loss analysis of all elements of a construction project
- Negotiate tender bids and contracts
- Assist and advise of all contractual matters of a contract for the contractor
- Procure and administer subcontractors, monitoring all costs.

For more information on becoming a contractors quantity surveyor visit:

**www.goconstruct.org
www.citb.co.uk
or talk to your local college**

Your career journey starts here!

