

General Practice surveyors

deal with all aspects of residential and commercial property within both the private and public sectors. Principal activities are based on valuation, management, marketing and acting as an agent for clients in the purchase, leasing or sale of a property.

Work involves

- valuing properties by applying expert knowledge and awareness of the local property market;
- taking accurate measurements of sites and premises;
- assessing the impact of a major development in terms of economic viability and environmental impact, then purchasing the land and gaining funding;
- visiting sites at all stages of development
- writing detailed reports on property for mortgage valuation purposes.
- negotiating verbally and in writing on issues such as rents;
- selling and buying properties and sites on behalf of clients;
- advising clients on the purchase and sale of individual investments and managing large property portfolios.
- Dealing with legal aspects of rental and property purchase.
- working closely with other professionals such as town planners, architects and structural engineers in considering new developments

Useful skills and experience

Relevant work experience in the property business is highly regarded and will be invaluable if your degree is not directly relevant. Such experience could include clerical or sales work within an estate agency or labouring on a building site to learn how buildings are constructed.

Enthusiasm, confidence and acting on your own initiative are all important.

Pay

Graduate starting salary is £19,000. Average salary at age 40 is around £40,000, but will vary considerably with the area and type of work. There may be opportunities to move into property development which can be very profitable.

As the profession relies heavily on personal contacts and networking there is often a large amount of after-hours socialising to be done. Anyone wishing to progress in the private sector of this profession must be prepared to work longer hours than normal.



Further Information

contact:

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Qualifications and entry requirements

A degree or HND in a relevant subject such as building, construction, law, surveying. If the degree is not accredited by the RICS then a one year professional training course can be taken, part time, after you get a job.

Applicants for this sector without a relevant degree should gain relevant work experience.

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