

Job of The Week

Quantity surveyor

Key Skills

- Maths knowledge
- Knowledge of building and construction
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Analytical thinking skills
- Knowledge of engineering science and technology
- The ability to use your judgement and make decisions
- The ability to use your initiative
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

Salary

£26,000 - £70,000

Working hours

37 – 40 per week
Evenings/weekends

Occasionally

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Work

You could start work as a [surveying technician](#) or surveying assistant with a company, and study part time to become a quantity surveyor.

University

You could do a quantity surveying degree or a postgraduate conversion course accredited by the [Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors](#).

Related degree subjects include:

- Construction
- Structural or civil engineering
- Building surveying
- Maths
- Geography
- Economics
- Land studies

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

Apprenticeship

You could apply to do a Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship, with a quantity surveying business or construction company.

Apprenticeships include:

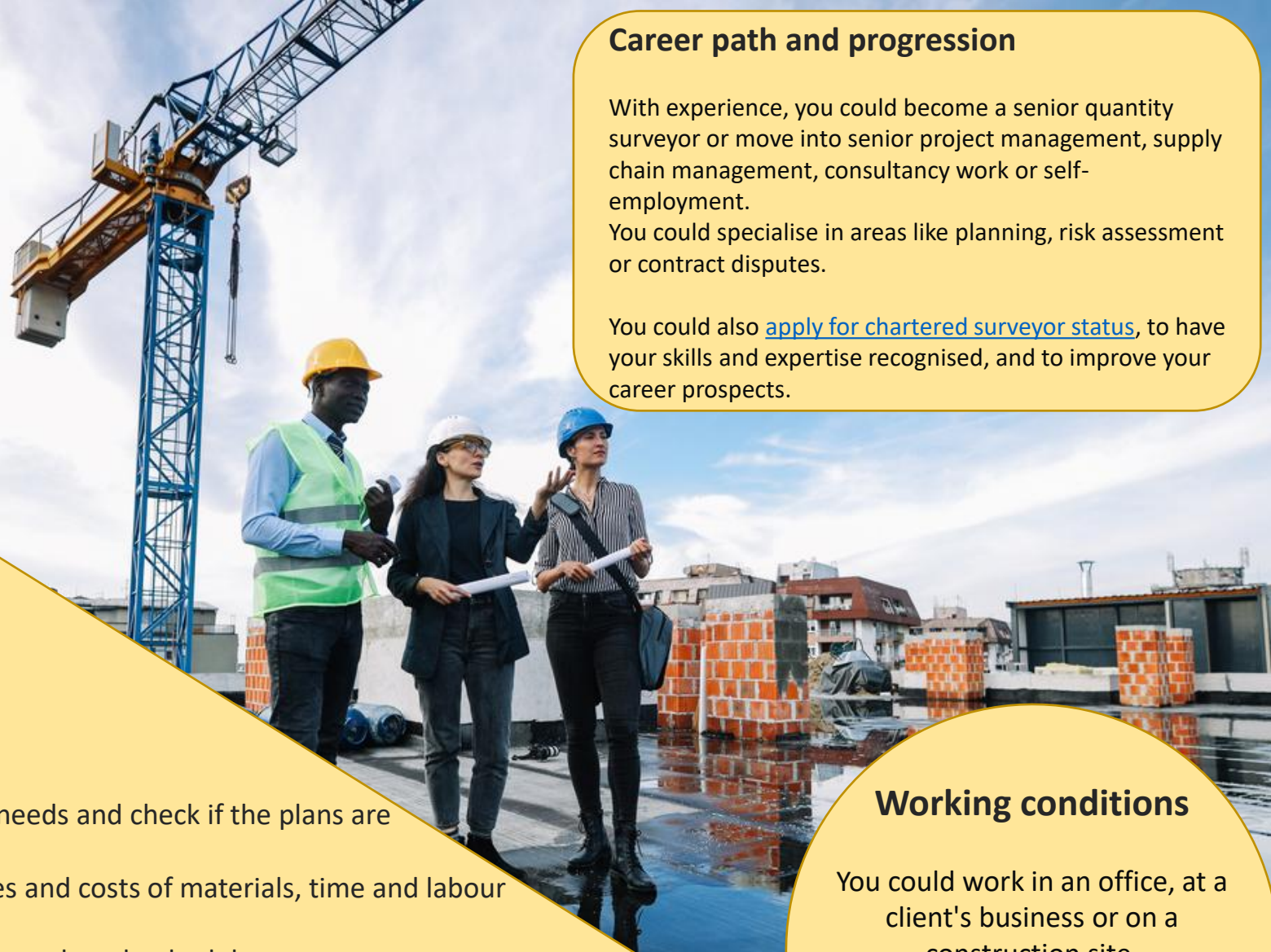
- Construction Quantity Surveyor
- Chartered Surveyor

These take between 3 and 5 years to complete. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time with a learning provider.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a degree apprenticeship



Career path and progression

With experience, you could become a senior quantity surveyor or move into senior project management, supply chain management, consultancy work or self-employment.

You could specialise in areas like planning, risk assessment or contract disputes.

You could also [apply for chartered surveyor status](#), to have your skills and expertise recognised, and to improve your career prospects.

Day to Day tasks

- Find out a client's needs and check if the plans are feasible
- Work out quantities and costs of materials, time and labour for tenders
- Negotiate contracts and work schedules
- Advise on legal matters, including commercial risks and disputes
- Monitor costs through each stage of a construction project
- Report on finances and prepare accounts for payment
- Keep up to date with developments in construction methods
- Make sure health and safety and building regulations are followed

Working conditions

You could work in an office, at a client's business or on a construction site.

Your working environment may be outdoors some of the time.

You may need to wear protective clothing.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'.
Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.



Quantity surveyors	Construction and building trades supervisors	Building and civil engineering technicians
Weekly Pay £1,070 Annual Pay £55,640 Hours/Week 41h Hourly Pay £26	Weekly Pay £750 Annual Pay £39,000 Hours/Week 45h Hourly Pay £17	Weekly Pay £800 Annual Pay £41,600 Hours/Week 47h Hourly Pay £17
Workforce Change (projected) Growth 10.9% The workforce is projected to grow by 10.9% over the period to 2035, creating 7,600 jobs.	Workforce Change (projected) Contraction -5.6% The workforce is projected to contract by -5.6% over the period to 2035, losing 3,400 jobs.	Workforce Change (projected) Growth 6.5% The workforce is projected to grow by 6.5% over the period to 2035, creating 500 jobs.
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Labour Market Information



Quantity surveyors

Quantity surveyors advise on financial and contractual matters relating to, and prepare bills of quantities for, construction projects and provide other support functions concerning the financing and materials required for building projects.

- Common tasks in this job:
- liaises with client on project costs, formulates detailed cost plan and advises contractors and engineers to ensure that they remain within cost limit
 - examines plans and specifications and prepares details of the material and labour required for the project
 - prepares bills of quantities for use by contractors when tendering for work
 - examines tenders received, advises client on the most acceptable and assists with preparation of a contract document

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Construction and building trades supervisors

Construction and building trades supervisors oversee operations and directly supervise and coordinate the activities of workers in construction and building trades.

- Common tasks in this job:
- directly supervises and coordinates the activities of construction and building workers and/or subcontractors
 - establishes and monitors work schedules to meet productivity requirements
 - liaises with managers and contractors to resolve operational problems
 - determines or recommends staffing and other needs to meet productivity requirements

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Building and civil engineering technicians

Building and civil engineering technicians perform a variety of technical support functions to assist civil and building engineers.

- Common tasks in this job:
- sets up apparatus and equipment and undertakes field and laboratory tests of soil and work materials
 - performs calculations and collects, records and interprets data
 - sets out construction site, supervises excavations and marks out position of building work to be undertaken
 - inspects construction materials and supervises work of contractors to ensure compliance with specifications and arranges remedial work as necessary

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[Career Advice on becoming a Trainee Quantity Surveyor](#)



[Julie: Assistant Quantity Surveyor](#)



[A day in the life of... a Quantity Surveyor](#)

Useful Websites

[How to become an apprentice quantity surveyor: Josh's story - BBC Bitesize](#)

[What Is A Quantity Surveyor? Salary, Skills & Role](#)

[What is surveying and what does it mean for the future? | RICS](#)

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