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JOB

OF THE WEEK

Our Job of the week this week is
Quantity Surveyor



Job of the Week – Quantity Surveyor

WHAT YOU DO

Your day-to-day tasks could include:

- find out a client's needs and assess 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 risks and disputes
- monitor sub-contractors and stages of construction
- report on costs and prepare accounts for payment
- keep up to date with construction methods and materials
- follow health and safety and building regulations

SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- knowledge of public safety and security
- customer service skills
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work on your own
- legal knowledge including court procedures and government regulations
- to be competent in carrying out basic tasks on a PC or hand-held device

WHAT YOU WEAR

Usually smart/casual office attire although when you are on site, you may be required to wear protective clothing



WORKING CONDITIONS

You could work at a client's business or in an office

Your working environment may be outdoors some of the time

You may need to wear protective clothing

WORKING HOURS

37–40

Some occasional weekend and evening work

ANNUAL LEAVE

Unless you are self-employed you will usually get the standard 27 days.



ANNUAL INCOME

£25,000- £80,000



EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

University

You could do a Quantity Surveying degree or a postgraduate conversion course accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Useful degree subjects include: Construction, Structural or Civil Engineering, Maths, Geography, Economics, Land Studies

Entry requirements:

You'll usually need 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree or a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course

Apprenticeship

You could take a surveying technician advanced apprenticeship, followed by further training on the job, or a chartered surveyor or construction quantity surveyor degree apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

You'll usually need 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and Maths, for an advanced apprenticeship
4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a degree apprenticeship

Work

You could start work as a Surveying Technician or Surveying Assistant, and study part-time to become a Quantity Surveyor



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		Architects		Production managers and directors in construction	
Weekly Pay £810	Annual Pay £42,120	Weekly Pay £730	Annual Pay £37,960	Weekly Pay £1,000	Annual Pay £52,000
Hours/Week 36h	Hourly Pay £23	Hours/Week 31h	Hourly Pay £24	Hours/Week 41h	Hourly Pay £24
Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)		Workforce Change (projected)	
Growth 5.7%	Replacement 56.1%	Growth 5.7%	Replacement 56.1%	Growth 7.7%	Replacement 49.2%
The workforce is projected to grow by 5.7% over the period to 2027, creating 2,800 jobs. In the same period, 56.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 27,200 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 5.7% over the period to 2027, creating 3,900 jobs. In the same period, 56.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 37,700 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 7.7% over the period to 2027, creating 16,500 jobs. In the same period, 49.2% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 105,800 job openings.	
You might find this job in Other professional Specialised construction Construction Architectural & related Real estate		You might find this job in Architectural & related Services to buildings Membership organisations Specialised construction		You might find this job in Specialised construction Construction Civil engineering Architectural & related Real estate	
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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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Architects

Architects plan and design the construction and development of buildings and land areas with regard to functional and aesthetic requirements.

Common tasks in this job:

- liaises with client and other professionals to establish building type, style, cost limitations and landscaping requirements;
- studies condition and characteristics of site, taking into account drainage, topsoil, trees, rock formations, etc.;
- analyses site survey and advises client on development and construction details and ensures that proposed design blends in with the surrounding area;
- prepares detailed scale drawings and specifications for design and construction and submits these for planning approval;

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Production managers and directors in construction

Production managers and directors in construction direct and co-ordinate resources for the construction and maintenance of civil and structural engineering works including houses, flats, factories, roads and runways, bridges, tunnels and railway works, harbour, dock and marine works and water supply, drainage and sewage works.

Common tasks in this job:

- liaises with other managers to plan overall production activity and construction activities, sets quality standards and estimates timescales and costs;
- receives invitations to tender, arranges for estimates and liaises with client, architect and engineers for the preparation of contracts;
- plans, directs and co-ordinates the construction and maintenance of civil and structural engineering works, including demolition, open-cast mining works and pipeline and piling;
- receives reports upon work in progress to ensure that materials and construction methods meet with specifications and statutory requirements and that there are no deviations from agreed plans.

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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

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Discover more about Quantity Surveyor opportunities with these videos:

What are the responsibilities of a Quantity Surveyor



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWEeJeQySZA>

A day in the life of a Quantity Surveyor



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RXDcaF0hiTE>

Become a Quantity Surveyor without a degree



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFBFgO-Jul0>

How to get your CSCS Card to be a Quantity Surveyor



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1KFR1Utz7E>

Quantity Surveying at Leeds Beckett University



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjrjGRDwb50>

Quantity Surveyor, Land Surveyor or Estimator?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzxlDOXLGTc>

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[Quantity surveyor | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Quantity Surveyors | UCAS](#)

[Quantity Surveying and Construction BSc \(Hons\) \(dmu.ac.uk\)](#)

[Jobs | Construction Job Board](#)

[What surveyors do \(rics.org\)](#)

[Find an Apprenticeship in Construction - CITB](#)