



# Career of the Week



# What job is being described here?

- finding out a client's needs and assessing if their plans are feasible
- working out quantities and costs of materials, time and labour for tenders
- negotiating contracts and work schedules
- advising on legal matters, including risks and disputes
- monitoring sub-contractors and stages of construction
- writing regular reports on costs and preparing accounts for payment
- keeping up to date with construction methods and materials
- following health and safety and building regulations



# Quantity Surveyor



## **What level of qualification do you need to become a quantity surveyor?**

- A degree or professional qualification accredited by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Some degrees are ‘sandwich courses’ which include a year working in the industry
- Some people do a post-graduate qualification having taken qualifications or a degree in construction, structural or civil engineering, maths, geography, economics or land studies and many more
- Apprenticeships provide another route



# What will you earn?

- £18,000 to £80,000 depending on experience and where you choose to work. There are international opportunities.



## How will you work?

- 37 to 40 hours per week or longer if you work on site
- You may work evenings and weekends and you could be away from home
- You'll spend time in an office and visiting building sites
- A driving licence will usually be important
- You could work as a consultant and/or be self-employed



## What other jobs are similar?

- Estimator
- Building Services Engineer
- Building Surveyor
- Civil Engineering Technician
- Technical Surveyor



What do you think would be  
great about this job?





What do you think would be  
hard about this job?



## Websites for more info:

- [www.careersinc.uk/Outwood-Portland/](http://www.careersinc.uk/Outwood-Portland/) - Outwood Academy Portland's own Careers website
- [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk) – National Careers Service
- [www.getingofar.gov.uk](http://www.getingofar.gov.uk) - Apprenticeships
- [www.rics.org/uk/](http://www.rics.org/uk/) - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)



# Where to get help with your careers ideas

- The careers room is on ground floor near student reception
- Rachel Jones and Abe Pereira are your Careers Advisers and are in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Come to careers club on a Tuesday at 2.30 and look out for careers cafes and pop-ups at lunchtimes
- Drop in to the careers room any time during break, lunchtime or after school on a Tuesday or Thursday.