

Qualifications approved for direct entry to AssocRICS – as of December 2021



The qualifications listed below are approved for direct entry to AssocRICS, subject to the conditions outlined in the table.

All applicants must;

- have one proposer who is AssocRICS (with four years' relevant experience post-AssocRICS), MRICS or FRICS
- successfully complete the RICS online ethics module.
- provide a CV/resume setting out their relevant experience* and may be asked to provide their CPD record.

RICS reserves the right to decline direct entry. In such cases, applicants will be required to undertake the most appropriate RICS assessment.

When applying through a direct entry, applicants are asked to confirm how they gained the approved qualification. If this was by way of a third-party arrangement which is not RICS-recognised, the applicant will be referred to the most appropriate RICS assessment.

***Please note – some direct entry arrangements include a condition that requires applicants to have a period of relevant experience. Where this is stated, RICS defines “relevant experience” as full-time and relevant to the RICS competencies as set out in the appropriate RICS pathway guide. If you have any questions about the relevance of your experience, please contact us.**

Pathway	Country	Professional body / qualification
Building Control	UK	Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) – C. Build E MCABE designation (approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) – MCIAT designation (approved November 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) – MCIOB designation (approved July 2011)
	Australia	Level 1 or Level 2 Licensed Building Certifiers in Australia (approved October 2011)
Building Surveying	UK	Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) – C. Build E MCABE designation (approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) – MCIAT designation (approved November 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) – MCIOB designation (approved July 2011)
		Institution of Clerks or Works and Construction Inspectorate (ICWCI) – MICWCI designation (approved July 2011)
Commercial Property	Australia	Australian Property Institute (API) – AAPI designation + Certified Property Practitioner (CPP) credential (approved May 2018)
	New Zealand	New Zealand Institute of Building Surveyors (NZIBS) – Full member with the Registered Building Surveyor title who has passed the NZIBS remediation course (approved October 2011)
Facilities Management	UK	Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM, formerly known as BIFM) – Level 4 (or above) Diploma in Facilities Management (approved June 2010)
		Building Futures Group – Senior Manager or Strategic Manager competency certificate with a minimum of four years' relevant experience (approved May 2014)

		Facilities Society Course (note: this was previously known as the FM Association certificate and the Building Futures Group course) (approved December 2012)
	United States	International Facility Management Association (IFMA) – Certified Facility Manager credential (approved September 2016)
Hydrographic Surveying	UK	Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) – TCInstCES designation or higher who qualified through the Hydrographic Surveying specialism (approved July 2011)
	Hong Kong	Survey Officer (Engineering) in the HK Government (approved November 2012)
	Other	International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) – Category B Hydrographic Surveyor with the certificate in Field Proficiency (approved March 2011)
Land	UK	Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) – MCIOB designation (approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) – TCInstCES designation or higher who qualified through the Geospatial Engineering specialism (approved July 2011)
		Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) – Chartered Town Planner (approved February 2016)
	Australia	Licensed/Registered Land or Mining Surveyor (approved April 2012 and March 2017)
	Canada	Association of Canada Lands Surveyor (ACLS) – Land Surveyor title (approved July 2011)
	Trinidad and Tobago	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) – Full member (approved June 2016)
Geospatial Surveying	UK	Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) – TCInstCES designation or higher who qualified through the Geospatial Engineering specialism (approved March 2011) Military Engineer (Geographic) Technician Class 1 (approved March 2015)
		Geospatial Technician Apprenticeship (Level 3) – learners who completed the Apprenticeship via the Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) assessment (approved March 2019)

	South Africa	South African Geomatics Council (SAGC) – Surveying Technologist (approved April 2013)
	Hong Kong	Survey Officer (Engineering) or Survey Officer (Land) in the HK Government (approved November 2012)
	Canada	Association of Canada Lands Surveyor (ACLS) – Land Surveyor title (approved July 2011)
Project Management	UK	Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) – MCIAT designation (approved November 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) – MCIOB designation (approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) – TCInstCES designation or higher who qualified through the Project Management specialism (approved July 2011)
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Institute of Clerks of Works (HKICW) – Full Member (approved April 2012)
		Institute of Clerks of Works and Construction Inspectorate (ICWCI) – MICWCI designation. (note: direct entry is only available to those working in Hong Kong as project managers. This does not include members outside the HK or those working in HK in for example mechanical or electrical engineering. ICWCI is a UK based body but, in the UK, its members are mainly building surveyors) (approved December 2010)
	United States	Project Management Institute (PMI) – Holders of the PMI's PMP certification. A résumé must be reviewed by RICS staff to confirm relevant experience. The candidate must name two referees who may be contacted directly to confirm the experience. (approved May 2014)
Quantity Surveying and Construction	UK	Association of Cost Engineers (AcostE) – Incorporated Level or above, subject to a résumé review by RICS staff to confirm relevant experience (approved January 2014)
		Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) – C. Build E MCABE designation (approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) – MCIAT designation (approved November 2009)

		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) – MCIOB designation (approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institution Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) – TCInstCES designation or higher who qualified through one of the following specialism: Cost Engineering, Construction Law, Estimating, Project Management, Quantity Surveying (approved December 2009)
		CIOB Level 4 Diploma in Site Management (approved December 2011)
	Australia	Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) – Affiliate or Associate Member (approved November 2010 and Oct 2011 respectively) (note: this direct entry arrangement applies only to applicants who qualified in Australia)
	Philippines	Philippines Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyor (PICQS) – Full Member
	Jamaica	Jamaican Institute of Quantity Surveyors (JIQS) – MJIQS designation (approved June 2016)
	Trinidad and Tobago	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) – Full Member (approved June 2016)
	Sri Lanka	Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (IQSSL) – Technical Member, subject to successful completion of RICS Inclusive Environments course (approved July 2021)
Real Estate Agency	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Estate Agents Authority (EAA) – Licensed Estate Agents of EAA with a relevant degree, a minimum of two years' relevant experience, and a clean disciplinary record. (this does not apply to Salespersons of EAA) (approved April 2012)
Residential Property Management	UK	Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) – CIHCM designation (approved July 2011)
		Institute of Residential Property Management (IRPM) – MIRPM designation (approved July 2011)
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 3 Award in Residential Letting and Management with 5 years' relevant experience, 12 months of which must be post-Award • Level 4 Certificate in Residential Letting and Management with 3 years' relevant experience <p>All applicants via this arrangement must be employed by an RICS regulated firm at the time of their application to AssocRICS (approved July 2021)</p>
	Australia	Australian Property Institute (API) – Provisional Member (PMAPI) with the Residential Property Valuer credential and at least two years' relevant experience (gained before or after gaining the RPV designation) (approved October 2011)
Residential Survey and Valuation	UK	Surveyors and Valuers Association (SAVA) Diploma in Residential Surveying and Valuation – Diploma holders with two years' relevant experience (approved December 2013)
Valuation	UK	Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation (IRRV) – Level 4 Technician Scheme (approved February 2012)
		HM Revenues & Customs: Shares and Assets Valuation Training Course (the course lasting 18-24 months) (approved March 2013)
	South Africa	South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession (SACPVP) – Registered Associated Valuer (without restrictions) (approved May 2015)
	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Authority for Accredited Valuers (TAQEEM) – Accredited Members (Real Estate division) (approved March 2019)
	Indonesia	Masyarakat Profesi Penilai Indonesia (MAPPI) – Certified Member (approved May 2015)
	Australia	Australian Property Institute (API) – Provisional Member (PMAPI) with the Residential Property Valuer credential and at least two years' relevant experience (gained before or after gaining the RPV designation) (approved October 2011)
	Trinidad and Tobago	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) – Full Member (approved June 2016)

