

Qualifications approved for direct entry to AssocSCSI – as of April 2024

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

All applicants must:

- have one proposer who is AssocRICS (with four years' relevant experience post-AssocRICS), MRICS or FRICS
- successfully complete the RICS Professionalism (ethics) module.
- provide a CV/resume setting out their relevant experience* and may be asked to provide their CPD record.
- provide a letter from the professional body (where applicable) confirming membership is up to date and there are no regulatory matters ongoing or sanctions awarded against the applicant. This should include confirmation of how the applicant gained the qualification.

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.

Only the named qualifications on this list have been evaluated for direct entry purposes. We are not able to accept qualifications considered by a third-party to be equivalent.

***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 RICS pathway guide the direct entry route is approved for. 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)
		<p> Holders of the Centre for Building Conservation Studies (CBCS) / ABBE Level 6 Diploma in Building Surveying are eligible for direct entry to AssocRICS subject to the following conditions being met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalent to one year’s full-time experience, defined by RICS as equivalent to 200 full-time days relevant to the competencies set out in RICS Building Surveying pathway • RICS direct entry application and CV check, including a “pathway statement” whereby applicants must provide a statement about how their experience relates to the competencies of the RICS Building Surveying pathway. <p>Experience can be gained concurrently whilst undertaking the Diploma and may include a wide range of activities. Experience must reflect the breadth and depth of the RICS pathway</p>

		competency requirements.
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)
Hydrographic Surveying	UK	Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) – TCInstCES designation or higher who qualified through the Hydrographic Surveying specialism (approved July 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)
	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)
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)
	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	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)
	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
	Sri Lanka	Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (IQSSL) – Technical Member, subject to successful completion of RICS Inclusive Environments course (approved July 2021)
	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)
Residential	UK	Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) – CIHCM designation (approved July 2011)

Property Management		
		The Property Institute – Full Member (approved July 2011, previously known as Institute of Residential Property Management)
	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	<p>Holders of the Sava / ABBE Level 6 Diploma in Residential Surveying and Valuation are eligible for direct entry to AssocRICS subject to the following conditions being met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalent to one year’s full-time experience, defined by RICS as equivalent to 200 full-time days relevant to the competencies set out in RICS Residential Surveying and Valuation pathway • RICS direct entry application and CV check, including a “pathway statement” whereby applicants must provide a statement about how their experience relates to the competencies of the RICS Residential Surveying and Valuation pathway. <p>Experience can be gained concurrently whilst undertaking the Diploma and may include a wide range of activities such as working with a practicing surveyor or in estate or letting agency, property management, construction, energy, or sustainability. Experience must reflect the breadth and depth of the RICS pathway competency requirements.</p>
Valuation	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)
	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)