
WHAT IS A QUANTITY SURVEYOR?

A Quantity Surveyor estimates and monitors the costs of construction and maintenance of building and infrastructure such as sports stadiums, tunnels, bridges, universities, residential buildings hospitals and roads. They are usually involved from the feasibility stage through to completion of a construction project.

Quantity Surveyors also undertake tax depreciation, insurance estimation, mediation and arbitration.

Quantity Surveyors work predominately in an office in the private sector with consulting firms or construction companies, or in the public sector with the State/Territory Government Departments/Authorities. Once project construction begins Quantity Surveyors are regularly on site to monitor variations in construction and their impacts on costs.

A Quantity Surveyor can be also known and undertake many roles;

Quantity Surveyor	Certified Quantity Surveyor	Contract Administrator
Project Manager	Construction Manager	Commercial Manager
Construction Estimator	Cost Planner	Construction Economist
Cost Manager	Cost Engineer	

SAMPLE DUTIES AND TASKS

- Measuring and estimating of construction costs and cost planning
- Producing project budgeting for feasibility studies
- Contract administration and reporting
- Assessing project risk and cost reporting for financial institutions
- Life cycle costing and replacement reporting

SKILLS REQUIRED

- High level verbal and written communication skills
- Financial mathematical ability
- Keen judgment and decision-making ability
- Problem-solving and troubleshooting capabilities
- Use of critical thinking, logic, and reasoning
- Exceptional negotiation skills, strong interpersonal skills, confidence and professionalism
- A strong, financial and commercial acumen is also a must, and will assist you in the accurate preparation of cost plans, as well as in identifying new project opportunities and ensuring a high success rate of team bids
- Advanced computer literacy including Microsoft Office
- Ability to collaborate as part of a high-performing team
- Meticulous attention to detail and accuracy of work
- Possess a strong work ethic, good organisational skills and can meet strict deadlines within a fast-paced working environment

