

Building Surveyor



Alternate title Building Certifier; Building Inspector; Surveyor (Building)

Description Building Surveyors advise on, interpret and enforce laws and regulations regarding building construction and safety.

Typical duties

- provide advice and assistance to builders and owners before finalisation and lodgement of building plans, to avoid potential problems;
- assess building plans submitted for approval to make sure they conform to building regulations and codes of practice;
- make recommendations on matters such as the provision of amenities for the community;
- carry out pre-purchase inspections of all types of buildings;
- inspect buildings during construction to make sure that proper methods and materials are used and that they conform to building regulations;
- keep records and write reports on building progress and instances where regulations have been breached and plans have been altered;
- give evidence in court cases involving breaches of building regulations;
- assess the condition of existing buildings;
- issue compliance certificates on completion;
- audit buildings for access for disabled persons.

Personal requirements

- enjoy technical work;
- well-developed communication skills;
- management and leadership skills.

Qualification

- Diploma of Building Surveying
- Advanced Diploma of Building and Surveying
- Bachelor of Construction (management)
- Bachelor of Building Surveying and Certification

Entry pathway Entry to these occupations is generally through an AQF Diploma or higher qualification or at least 3 years relevant experience. In some instances relevant experience is required in addition to the formal qualification.



Job prospects Building Surveyors find employment as municipal building surveyors and as private consultant building surveyors throughout the building industry. The need for and growth rate of the profession is directly related to the level of activity in the building sector. They may also work for an independent Private Certifier.

- Related Jobs**
- Building Contractor
 - Building Surveyor
 - Building Technician
 - Project Support Officer
 - Property Developer
 - Quantity Surveyor

- Further information**
- Australian Institute of Building Surveyors [www.aibs.com.au/]

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