



QUANTITY SURVEYORS

...FIGURE IT OUT

**you can be part of
the team that shapes
tomorrow's skylines**

**...consider a career
as a QS**



The Association of
South African
Quantity Surveyors

THE QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Quantity Surveyors work with **architects, consulting engineers, mine engineers, project managers, planners and contractors**, on construction projects **as the financial consultant**

Their work could include, amongst others, **giving cost and property development advice; drawing up cost plans; preparing estimates, bills of quantities, tender and contract documents; negotiating contracts with contractors; managing all the financials during construction including producing monthly payment certificates, progress reports, cashflows, etc. agreeing final accounts with the contractor and settling any disputes**



QS = SELF-STARTER PRECISE PROFESSIONAL ANALYTICAL THINKER TEAM PLAYER SELF-CONFIDENT CALM UNDER PRESSURE PERSON OF INTEGRITY

A PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Quantity Surveyors are part of a **recognised profession like medical doctors, engineers, accountants, etc. and they earn a salary that fits their status**. Quantity Surveying is structured in such a way that expertise is well remunerated. This is facilitated by categorising the level of expertise e.g. Student, Trainee (Junior QS & QS), Senior and Professional

Whilst studying, student Quantity Surveyors work at companies and are remunerated according to the Association's recommended tariffs; these tariffs vary based on the level of education and type of institution

After working under a Professional QS for a prescribed post graduate period, a QS can register as a Professional which entails writing certain exams and going for a final interview before an accreditation panel



THE LADDER TO THE TOP = STUDENT QS JUNIOR QS QUANTITY SURVEYOR SENIOR QS PROFESSIONAL QS

DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES

Quantity Surveyors hold the key to a vast array of job opportunities including employment in:

Construction Companies: Financial cost controlling, tender negotiation and contract administration | **Property Development Companies:** Project management from start to finish including, document preparation for financing, viability studies, financial management and tenant sourcing | **Property Funds:** Management and advising | **Financial Institutions:** Advising on property finance, performing a watching brief and risk management | **Government:** Advisor role in housing and infrastructure projects | **Other specialist opportunities:** Researcher for organisations such as the CSIR; lecturing, legal advice (arbitration, mediation) and consulting services (valuations, insurance assessments) | **Quantity Surveying Practices:** Performing the tasks listed above on behalf of the firm

MANY INDUSTRIES USE THE SERVICES OF A QS

BUILDING

CIVIL & EARTHWORKS

MINING

PIPEWORK INSTALLATION

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

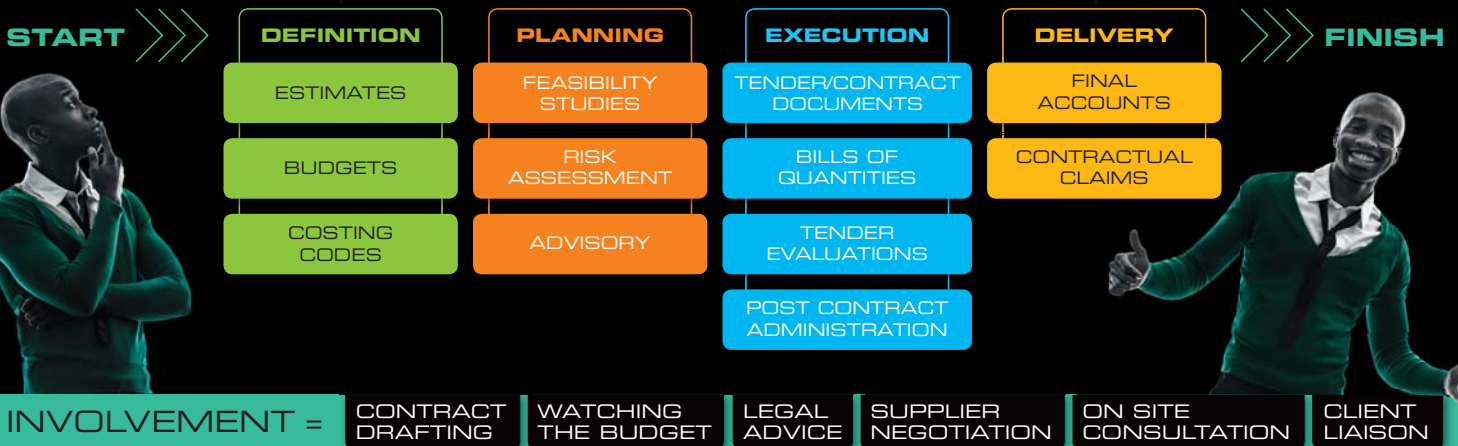
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TEAM

Quantity Surveyors are equipped with a vast range of skills which ensures that they are involved in a project **from start to finish**

TYPICAL PROJECT FLOW



GETTING READY

Institutions offering QS courses have different entrance criteria, the basics are:

COMPULSORY SCHOOL SUBJECTS

CORE MATHEMATICS

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

ENGLISH

Mathematics excludes maths literacy (which is not an accredited subject)

ADMISSION POINT SCORE (APS):

MINIMUM >>> **28 to 36** >>> **AIM HIGH**

Please contact universities for more info regarding their specific requirements

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