

MRICS: Assessment of Professional Competence

The APC is suitable for individuals with a degree-level qualification and work-based experience.

The 5 stages of assessment

Eligibility

You must have at least a bachelor's degree or approved professional qualification. Depending on your qualification and length of work-based experience, you will progress as an APC candidate via structured training or via preliminary review.

Education/Qualification required	Work experience and minimum structured training required	When to enrol
Already successfully completed an RICS accredited degree (undergraduate or post graduate) Or completing an RICS accredited part time (undergraduate or post-graduate)	Less than 5 years' experience - 24 months structured training OR If 5 - 9 years' experience your choice of 12 months structured training Preliminary review (see below for more information) OR Over 10 years' relevant work experience - No structured training	Enrol as soon as in relevant employment Enrol in Structured Training Enrol in No Structured Training
Non RICS accredited Bachelor's degree	A minimum of 5 years' relevant experience (1 year must be post qualification experience) before your APC preliminary review	You can enrol at anytime Enrol in Preliminary Review
Membership of RICS approved professional body	Differs depending on approved qualification or professional body	Visit our Direct Entry Page

All APC candidates must appoint a counsellor who is RICS qualified. Their role is to support you and guide you throughout your assessment journey. Counsellors for the APC must be MRICS or FRICS.

Vetting

APC via structured training

Your employer and counsellor should support you in planning, reviewing and developing your experience relevant to your chosen pathway and competencies over the course of your structured training period.

APC via preliminary review

You will complete your submission based on your existing experience. This will be reviewed by trained RICS reviewers who will confirm if you are ready to proceed to the assessment stage.

Ethics

Candidates for all RICS assessments must successfully complete the RICS online ethics module and test.

Submission

The submission for the APC is the same for structured training and preliminary review candidates. It includes:

Summary of experience – 5,500 word summary of your experience against competencies set out in your chosen pathway.

Case study – 3,000 words on one of your recent projects that demonstrates your technical ability

CPD – a record of 48 hours of CPD for the last 12 months or each year of structured training

Assessment

Your counsellor will confirm when you are ready to submit for assessment.

You will attend a 60-minute interview with a panel of trained RICS assessors. Following a 10-minute presentation by you on your case study, the panel will ask questions on your presentation and your selected competencies.