

### **3 Studying on this Course**

#### **3.1 Outline of the Programme**

This course is intended to be a top-up degree for applicants who have completed a Diploma in Quantity Surveying or HND in Building Studies or equivalent. It also gives an opportunity for other cognate HND diplomas to undertake a top-up degree. The degree is awarded by Leeds Beckett University UK and is offered in Mauritius in collaboration with Rushmore Business School. The programme is meant for Diploma Holders who would like to pursue their studies in the field of construction management.

This is an accredited degree by the Chartered Institute of Building, (CIOB)UK.

This is a non-accredited degree by RICS. Graduates who complete the degree will only be eligible for admission to RICS through Route 2. See below RICS Chart:

<b>MRICS: Assessment of Professional Competence</b>		
The APC is suitable for individuals with a degree-level qualification and work-based experience.		
<b>The 5 stages of assessment</b>		
<b>Eligibility</b>		
<b>Education/Qualification required</b>	<b>Work experience and minimum structured training required</b>	<b>When to enrol</b>
Already successfully completed an RICS accredited degree (undergraduate or post graduate)  <b>Or</b> completing an RICS accredited part time (undergraduate or post-graduate)	Less than 5 years' experience - 24 months structured training  <b>OR</b> If 5 - 9 years' experience your choice of 12 months structured training Preliminary review (see below for more information)	Enrol as soon as in relevant employment  Enrol in Structured Training  Enrol in No Structured Training

	<b>OR</b> Over 10 years' relevant work experience - 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.		
<p><b>Vetting</b></p> <p>APC via structured training</p> <p>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.</p>		
<p><b>APC via preliminary review</b></p> <p>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.</p>		
<p><b>Ethics</b></p> <p>Candidates for all RICS assessments must successfully complete the RICS online ethics module and test.</p>		
<p><b>Submission</b></p> <p>The submission for the APC is the same for structured training and preliminary review candidates. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summary of experience</b> – 5,500 word summary of your experience against competencies set out in your chosen pathway.</li> <li>• <b>Case study</b> – 3,000 words on one of your recent projects that demonstrates your technical ability</li> </ul>		

- **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.

## **Eligibility to register with Professional Quantity Surveying Council of Mauritius**

“With regard to Degrees in Quantity Surveying which are not approved by the Council (PQSC), the prospective applicant will either need to successfully complete a Masters in Quantity Surveying approved by RICS or become a Chartered Quantity Surveyor (MRICS), to be considered as equivalence and therefore be eligible to enrol with PQSC”

### **3.2 Course Aims**

The course aims to provide a specialist educational experience at degree level enabling successful students to enter into careers in construction management. Commercial Management is essential at both project and company management level within construction organisations, in order to effectively control construction activities that involve significant financial investment and risk. The course focuses on three relevant areas of commercial awareness, human resources, and management issues. Students will develop knowledge and skills in these areas and apply them in simulated project contexts.

### **3.3 Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Foster a critical and reflective understanding of the areas of study and their application.
2. Specialised educational experience at degree level enabling them to enter into careers in construction management.
3. Assist students to develop a range of skills and competencies which will enable them to make an effective contribution to their chosen careers.
4. Create a range of learning opportunities which facilitate access and progression to allow personal and career development and the achievement of appropriate awards.
5. Establish an appropriate foundation for a life time of continuing professional development.
6. Develop an appreciation of the inter-relationships between the professions and specialisms involved in the built environment.