

Diploma in Residential Surveying



An in-depth training and qualification programme for those who wish to undertake residential condition surveys and gain knowledge on residential construction and pathology.

Key Features

- A vocational qualification to enable existing property professionals to gain knowledge on residential construction and pathology
- Level 6 vocational related Diploma
- Training material and course training days delivered by industry leaders
- Provides in-depth training and assessment

Who is the qualification designed for?

The Diploma is designed for those who wish to undertake residential condition surveys and gain knowledge on residential construction and pathology. Ideal for those who are already a member of the RICS but qualified through a different pathway e.g. commercial property.

What are the entry requirements for the qualification?

Whilst there are no formal entry requirements, we recommend that you possess a good understanding of English and maths at an equivalent standard to GCSE level C.

What does the industry say?

“At Arnold & Baldwin we recruit top quality candidates from a variety of backgrounds. We recognise the transferable skills from other industries and professions, such as estate agency.

The knowledge our current Sava alumni [who have completed the Diploma in Residential Surveying and Valuation] possess is very impressive. We want all of our surveyors to have the same level of knowledge. We are currently putting 3 members of staff through the Certificate in Residential Surveying”

Joe Arnold, BSc (Hons) MRICS Registered Valuer
Managing Director, Arnold & Baldwin Chartered Surveyors

Qualification summary

Qualification type:

Level 6 vocational related Diploma

Qualification duration:

18-22 months

Awarding body:

Awarding Body for the Built Environment (ABBE)

Study method:

Part-time blended learning including 14 classroom days

Qualification outcome:

Eligible to offer the Sava Home Condition Survey. If already RICS, can offer the Homebuyer Report

Learning Credits:

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How is the qualification delivered?

Training lasts for 10 months and is delivered via a mix of face-to-face and online learning. Once the training is complete, you will then produce a portfolio of evidence for assessment. This will include 10 condition reports so that you can demonstrate your technical knowledge, as well as written tasks to assess your business and interpersonal skills. This is followed by a multiple choice exam.

How much study do I need to undertake?

This depends on the relevance of your past work experience and your individual learning style. Most learners dedicate 10-15 hours each week to study.

What are the opportunities within residential surveying?

The Diploma in Residential Surveying is very similar to the Diploma in Residential Surveying and Valuation – but without the valuation element. Consequently, it does not map against the RICS Associate pathway for Residential Survey and Valuation and currently there is no alternative pathway, so on its own it will not give direct entry to RICS.

However, because it is a robust level 6 Diploma it may give you direct access to employment on its own, and if combined with previous experience, other professional qualifications (such as Associate Membership of RICS through a different route to membership), or other academic qualifications, it may give access to the following career options:

- Join a surveying firm – most surveying companies offer 9-to-5 employment so if you are looking for a salaried position joining an existing firm could be for you.
- Working with a housing provider – you will have a deep understanding of construction and building pathology, essential for modern housing managers.
- Find work through a panel of surveyors – a surveying panel offers work to its members on a contract basis – perfect if you are looking for some flexibility with your workload.

In addition, it is an excellent option for someone returning to residential property after a career break or working in a different sector as it demonstrates valid CPD with a Certificate of competence.

What does the qualification cost?

The total qualification cost is £10,945 inc. VAT. We have created several payment options to give as much flexibility as possible.

What does the industry say?

“LGSS are very supportive of the work Sava has been doing in bringing much needed new talent into the residential surveying sector. We know of many surveying and valuation companies within the LGSS network who have taken on Sava graduates and who are delighted with the knowledge and skills that they bring”

James Ginley FRICS, Technical Director, Legal & General Surveying Services



What to do next?

Sava run regular Briefing Events all over the UK as well as online webinars where you can attain a better understanding of the qualification.

Visit www.sava.co.uk, email hello@sava.co.uk, or call 01908 442158 to speak to one of our course advisors to discuss your options.