

# Appendix D – Expert Witness Registration Scheme

## 1 Interpretation

'**Surveyors acting as expert witnesses**' means the RICS practice statement and guidance note, 4th edition, or any subsequent edition thereof.

## 2 Eligibility for registration

**2.1** A RICS member is eligible to join the RICS Expert Witness Registration Scheme if they are:

- a** a Chartered Member of RICS with appropriate qualifications and/or experience and
- b** acting as an Expert Witness in accordance with the **Surveyors acting as expert witnesses**, RICS practice statement.

## 3 Requirements of scheme registration

**3.1** A Scheme registered person shall:

- A** carry out all expert witness work in accordance with the **Surveyors acting as expert witnesses**, RICS practice statement
- b** carry out expert witness related work through an RICS Regulated firm or
- c** where expert witness work is carried out outside of an RICS Regulated firm:
  - i** operate a complaints handling procedure which must include a redress mechanism that is approved by the Standards and Regulation Board
  - ii** ensure that all previous and current expert witness work is covered by adequate and appropriate professional indemnity cover.

## 4 Limits on applications for registration and readmission

**4.1** RICS may refuse to consider a further application for registration of this scheme where the applicant:

- a** has been refused registration within the previous 12 months
- b** has been subject to administrative de-registration within the previous 12 months
- c** has been removed from registration as a result of disciplinary action for such period as defined at the time of removal.

## 5 Fees

**5.1** A Scheme registered person shall pay:

- a** the appropriate application and annual fees for registration set by the Standards and Regulation Board unless those fees are paid by an RICS Regulated Firm and
- b** any other costs incurred in the course of any investigation.