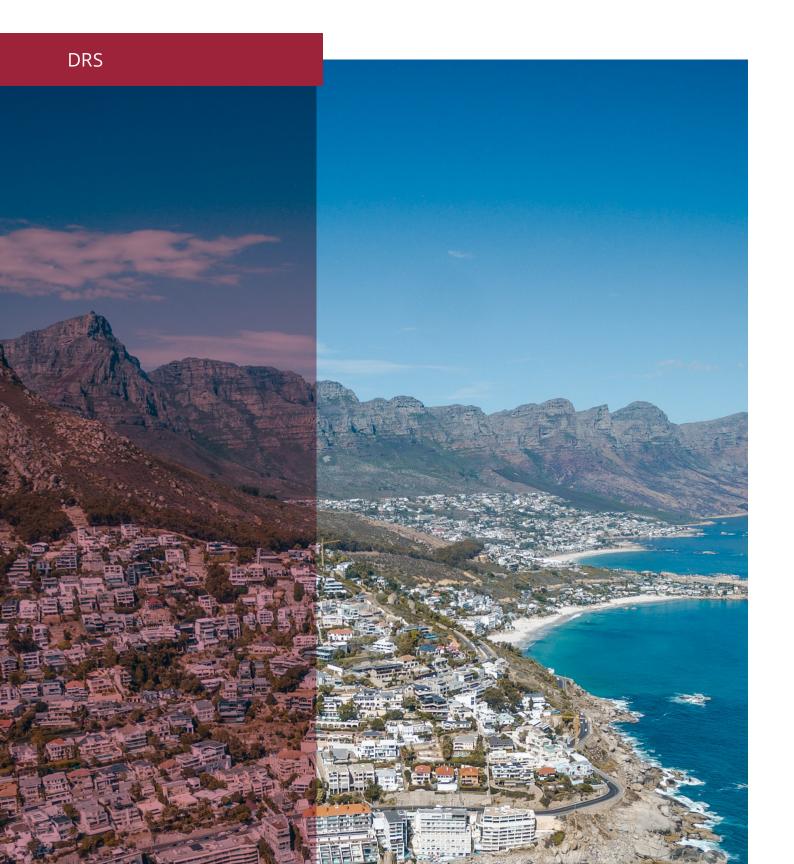
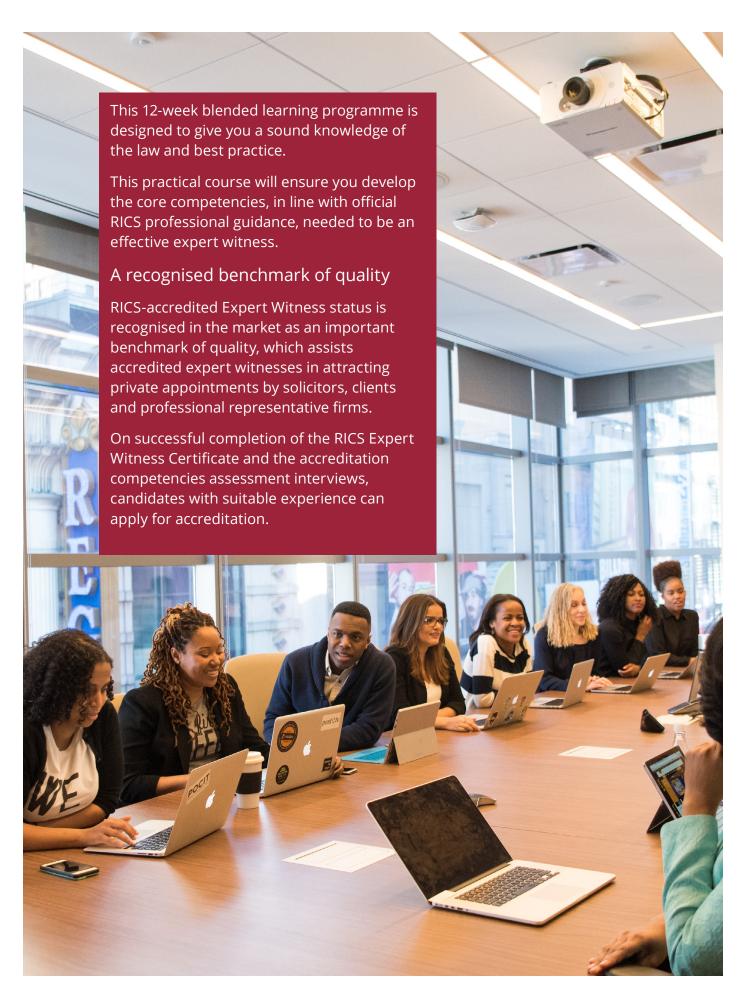


Gain status in the market RICS Expert Witness Certificate – South Africa





Who should attend?

This course is designed for all professionals working within the built environment, from surveyors to engineers who want to gain the theoretical knowledge and practical competencies required to act as an expert witness.

What key competencies will I develop?





Managing the post-appointment process



Constructing a comprehensive expert report



Discussion between experts



Delivering expert evidence in court

Course overview

RICS Expert Witness Certificate is:

- founded on RICS professional guidance
- practical and focuses on the core competencies needed by expert witnesses
- delivered by leading surveyors and lawyers
- adapted specifically for the region.

The course works systematically through the published RICS professional guidance and related learning materials through webinars led by experienced surveyoors, lawyers and expert witnesses. You will be guided by a mentor who will help you acquire the competencies you need.

This course also includes two online intense practical workshops where you will work with leading industry experts and a barrister to finesse your skills.

Calendar

	Self study: topics following the RICS Expert Witness guidance note	Webinars and face-to-face sessions	Mentoring	Practical work and tests
Week 1	Pre-reading			
	The RICS professional statements and guidance notes; civil and common law; the courts and tribunals; and the role of ADR.			
Week 2	Competency A: Managing the appointment Your duties to the tribunal; receiving		Mentor available to give guidance	
Week 3	instructions; instructions from a prospective client with no legal representation; responsibility for expert witnesses' fees; contingency and conditional fees; understanding conflicts of interest and where you cannot act; immunity of expert witnesses; liability in negligence and elsewhere; managing a dual role of expert and advocate.	Webinar led by an industry expert Managing the appointment		
Week 4	Competency B: Managing the post- appointment process		Mentor available to	Online theory test
Week 5	Deadling with documents; discovery and disclosure; evidence of fact and expert (opinion) evidence; admissibility and weight; privilege; the history and role of expert advice.	Webinar led by a senior lawyer	give guidance	
		Managing the post-appointment process		
Week 6	Compentency C: Constructing a comprehensive expert report		Develop your report	Online theory test
	The structure and scope of the content of the report; your continuing duty to the tribunal; legal requirements; RICS Statement of Truth and declaration; amending a report; techniques for writing a comprehensive and effective report.		proposal in discussion with your mentor	
Week 7			Mentor available to give guidance	Start writing your report
Week 8		Practical workshop delivered by an industry expert Constructing a comprehensive		Finesse your report during the workshop
		expert report		

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Week 9	Competency D: Discussions between experts History and development of expert witness meetings; court ordered meetings; expert initiated meetings; your duty throughout; preparation;RICS guidance and practical advice on how to act prior to and during the meeting; court directions; writing a joint statement; declarations; acting as a single joint expert.		Mentor available to give guidance	Written theory test Finalise your report
Week 10		Webinar led by a senior surveyor Discussions between experts		Submit report
Week 11	Competency E: Delivering expert evidence in court The adversarial system; evidence in chief and cross examination; what a court looks like; the court's dramatis personae; taking the oath or affirmation; staying within your field of expertise; preparing for giving evidence; how to conduct yourself and make a good impression; concurrent evidence or 'hot tubbing'; advising advocates.		Mentor available to give guidance	Written theory test
Week 12		Practical workshop delivered by senior lawyer Delivering effective expert evidence in court		Participate in practical cross-examination exercise Written theory test

What do you receive after completing the course? Successfully Pass the panel Engage in self study, attend complete the five interview mandatory competencies*, fill webinars and out the skills form workshops, and and pass the RICS ethics test pass the online tests **RICS Expert** Witness Certificate RICS Registered Expert Witness RICS Accredited Expert Witness * including report writing, cross examination and interview on competencies A, B and D. RICS Registered Expert Witnesses will be listed on a Registry of Registered Expert Witnesses. They are part of the RICS Expert Witness family and are entitled to participate in RICS Expert Witness CPD and other events. Where RICS is approached by solicitors, surveyors or other parties seeking a newly qualified expert, RICS may, where appropriate, be able to effect an introduction. Candidates who have completed the above, and who can demonstrate the necessary practical experience and meet the other requirements of the RICS Accredited Expert Witness criteria, can consider making an application to become an RICS Accredited Expert Witness. Candidates will then have to undertake the normal RICS Panel assessment process of an application, interview - including an examination of sample expert witness reports and referees' reports, ethics exam, etc. Please note there is a separate charge for this interview assessment process. Please read on for more information on the RICS Panel.

Benefits of Accreditation and membership of the RICS Panel

RICS Accredited Expert Witnesses will be entitled to:

- use the title 'RICS Accredited Expert Witness'
- display the relevant RICS Accredited Expert Witness logos when attracting private appointments by solicitors, clients and professional representative firms
- be listed on the RICS website as an RICS Accredited Expert Witness
- be considered for nomination as an RICS Accredited Expert Witness by RICS when it is approached to make such nominations.

Why choose RICS as your training provider?

RICS Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) training courses ensure that you are well-equipped to respond to the changing demands of the market by enhancing your skills as a dispute resolution professional and expert witness.

With over 40 years providing support and guidance to the built environment sector, we are confident that we can support you with our immense pool of industry knowledge and experience.

How to enrol

If you would like to enrol on this course, or for further information, please get in touch at drseducation@rics.org and our dedicated DRS team will be happy to assist you.

Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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