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RICS recognises the qualifications listed below for exemption from the RICS Associate assessment, subject to the stated conditions.

All applicants must:

- Have one Proposer who is AssocRICS (with four years' relevant experience post-AssocRICS), MRICS or FRICS
- Successfully complete the RICS Professionalism (ethics) module
- Provide a CV/resume setting out their relevant experience\* and may be asked to provide their CPD record
- Provide a letter from the professional body/qualification provider (where applicable) confirming their membership/qualification is up to date and there are no regulatory matters ongoing, or sanctions awarded against the applicant. This should include confirmation of how the applicant gained the qualification.

RICS reserves the right to decline an application. In such cases, applicants will be required to undertake the most appropriate RICS assessment.

Applicants are asked to confirm how they gained the recognised qualification. If this was by way of a third-party agreement which is not RICS-recognised, the applicant will be referred to the most appropriate RICS assessment.

Only the named qualifications on this list have been evaluated for recognition purposes. We are not able to consider qualifications on an individual case-by-case basis.

**\*Some routes include a condition that requires applicants to have a period of relevant experience. Where this is stated, RICS defines this as full-time and relevant to the RICS competencies as set out in the relevant RICS pathway guide**

Pathway	Country	Professional body / qualification
<b>Building Control</b>	<b>UK</b>	Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) MCABE designation (Approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) MCIAT designation (Approved November 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) MCIOB designation (Approved July 2011)
	<b>Australia</b>	Level 1 or Level 2 Licensed Building Certifiers in Australia (Approved October 2011)
<b>Building Surveying</b>	<b>UK</b>	Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) MCABE designation (Approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) MCIAT designation (Approved November 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) MCIOB designation (Approved July 2011)
		Centre for Building Conservation Studies (CBCS) / ABBE Level 6 Diploma in Building

		<p>Surveying</p> <p>Subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equivalent to 200 full-time days experience, relevant to the competencies set out in RICS Associate Building Surveying pathway</li> <li>• RICS application and CV check, including a “pathway statement” whereby applicants must provide a statement about how their experience relates to the competencies of the RICS Building Surveying pathway.</li> </ul> <p>Experience can be gained concurrently whilst undertaking the Diploma and may include a wide range of activities. Experience must reflect the breadth and depth of the RICS pathway competency requirements.</p>
<b>Commercial Property</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<p>Australian Property Institute (API)</p> <p>AAPI designation +</p> <p>Certified Property Practitioner (CPP) credential</p> <p>(Approved May 2018)</p>
	<b>New Zealand</b>	<p>New Zealand Institute of Building Surveyors (NZIBS)</p> <p>Full Member +</p> <p>Registered Building Surveyor title +</p> <p>Passed the NZIBS remediation course</p> <p>(Approved October 2011)</p>
<b>Facilities Management</b>	<b>UK</b>	<p>Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management (IWFM, formerly known as BIFM)</p> <p>Level 4 (or above) Diploma in Facilities Management</p> <p>(Approved June 2010)</p> <p>Note: Recognition is for the named qualification, not IWFM membership</p>

<b>Hydrographic Surveying</b>	<b>UK</b>	Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) TCInstCES designation or higher + Qualified through the Hydrographic Surveying specialism (Approved July 2011)
<b>Land</b>	<b>UK</b>	Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) MCIOB designation (Approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) TCInstCES designation or higher + Qualified through the Geospatial Engineering specialism (Approved July 2011)
		Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Chartered Town Planner (Approved February 2016)
	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) Full Member (Approved June 2016)
<b>Geospatial Surveying</b>	<b>UK</b>	Geospatial Technician Apprenticeship (Level 3) Learners who completed the Apprenticeship via the Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) assessment (Approved March 2019)
<b>Project Management</b>	<b>UK</b>	Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) MCIAT designation (Approved November 2011)

		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) MCIOB designation (Approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) TCInstCES designation or higher + Qualified through the Project Management specialism (Approved July 2011)
<b>Quantity Surveying and Construction</b>	<b>UK</b>	Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) MCABE designation (Approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT) MCIAT designation (Approved November 2009)
		Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) MCIOB designation (Approved July 2011)
		Chartered Institution Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) TCInstCES designation or higher + Qualified through one of the following specialisms: Cost Engineering, Construction Law, Estimating, Project Management, Quantity Surveying (Approved December 2009)
	<b>Australia</b>	Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) Affiliate or Associate Member (Approved November 2010 and Oct 2011 respectively)

		Note: this route applies only to applicants who qualified in Australia
	<b>Philippines</b>	Philippines Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyor (PICQS) Full Member (Approved July 2021)
	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (IQSSL) Technical Member + Successful completion of RICS Inclusive Environments course (Approved July 2021)
	<b>Jamaica</b>	Jamaican Institute of Quantity Surveyors (JIQS) MJIQS designation (Approved June 2016)
	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) Full Member (Approved June 2016)
<b>Residential Property Management</b>	<b>UK</b>	Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) CIHCM designation (Approved July 2011)
		The Property Institute (TPI, previously known as Institute of Residential Property Management) Full Member (Approved July 2011)
	<b>Australia</b>	Australian Property Institute (API) Provisional Member (PMAPI) + The Residential Property Valuer (RPV) credential +

		Two years' relevant experience (can include pre-qual experience) (Approved October 2011)
<b>Residential Survey and Valuation</b>	<b>UK</b>	<p>Sava / ABBE Level 6 Diploma in Residential Surveying and Valuation are eligible for AssocRICS</p> <p>Subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equivalent to 200 full-time days experience, relevant to the competencies set out in RICS Associate Residential Surveying and Valuation pathway</li> <li>• RICS application and CV check, including a “pathway statement” whereby applicants must provide a statement about how their experience relates to the competencies of the RICS Residential Surveying and Valuation pathway.</li> </ul> <p>Experience can be gained concurrently whilst undertaking the Diploma and may include a wide range of activities such as working with a practicing surveyor or in estate or letting agency, property management, construction, energy, or sustainability. Experience must reflect the breadth and depth of the RICS pathway competency requirements.</p>
		Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE) MCABE designation (Approved October 2025)
<b>Valuation</b>	<b>South Africa</b>	South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession (SACPVP) Registered Associated Valuer + No SACPVP restrictions (Approved May 2015)
	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Saudi Authority for Accredited Valuers (TAQEEM) Accredited Members (Real Estate division) (Approved March 2019)

	<b>Australia</b>	Australian Property Institute (API) Australian Property Institute (API) Provisional Member (PMAPI) + The Residential Property Valuer (RPV) credential + Two years' relevant experience (can include pre-qual experience)
	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago (ISTT) Full Member (Approved June 2016)