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RICS recognises the qualifications listed below for exemptions from RICS' Chartered assessment, subject to the stated conditions.

All applicants must:

- Have one Proposer who is 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**

Country	Professional body/qualification	Conditions	Chartered Alternative Designation (if applicable)
			<p>Note: If you are eligible to apply via an RPQ route on this list, you will be awarded the Chartered Surveyor title. Some routes also include access to an additional chartered title</p>
UK	Institute of Chartered Foresters (ICF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Member (MICFor) • Relevant undergraduate degree • 10 years' relevant experience post-Professional membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Forestry Surveyor
	Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member (MCInstCES) <p>Note: the recognition route is not available to full members of CICES who qualified via one of the following 3 specialist areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Law • Photogrammetry and Remote sensing • Procurement Engineering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Civil Engineering Surveyor
Germany	HypZert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HypZert (F) or HypZert (MLV) valuers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Valuation Surveyor
	OPA – Oberprüfungsamt des Bundes – Vermessungsassessor (2. Staatsexamen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of the 2nd German State Examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Land Surveyor
Romania	Asociatia Nationala a Evaluatorilor din Romania (ANEVAR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member at the accredited grade 'membru acreditat (MAA)' • 10 years' relevant experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Valuation Surveyor • Chartered Commercial Property Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to ANEVAR specialism)</i></p>
Sweden	ASPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Valuer (SFF) • Five years' relevant experience post-SFF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Valuation Surveyor
Ghana	Ghana Institution of Surveyors (GhIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Member • Five years' relevant experience post-Professional membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Land Surveyor • Chartered Quantity Surveyor • Chartered Valuation Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to GhIS specialism)</i></p>
Kenya	Institute of Quantity Surveyors of Kenya (IQSK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Member or Fellow • Five years' relevant experience post-full membership of IQSK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Quantity Surveyor

Sri Lanka	Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Sri Lanka (IQSSL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Member Successful completion of RICS Inclusive Environments course 	
South Africa	South African Geomatics Council (SAGC, previously known as the SA Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors (PLATO))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Land Surveyor Professional Engineering Surveyor Professional Mining Surveyor Professional Photogrammetric Surveyor Professional GISc Surveyor Professional Hydrographic Surveyor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Land Surveyor Chartered Hydrographic Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to SAGC specialism)</i></p>
	South African Council for Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Registration with SACPCMP (the designation Pr. CPM or Pr. CM or Pr. CMentor) plus A degree of 480 credits OR Professional Registration with another council in South Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Construction Surveyor Chartered Project Management Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to SACPCMP specialism)</i></p>
	South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession (SACPVP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Professional Valuer (RPV) 10 years' relevant experience post-RPV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Valuation Surveyor
	South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Quantity Surveyor (PrQS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Quantity Surveyor
China	China International Contractors Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior International Engineering Project Manager credential One year's relevant experience post-qualification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Project Management Surveyor
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Institute of Housing (HKIH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Five years' relevant experience post-membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Facilities Management Surveyor
	Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Member (FHKIS or MHKIS) of the General Practice, Land Surveying, Planning and Development or Property/Facility Management division One-year relevant experience post-membership <p>Note: this route does not apply to any other divisions of HKIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Land Surveyor Chartered Facilities Management Surveyor Chartered Planning and Development Surveyor Chartered Valuation Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to HKIS division)</i></p>
Japan	Association for Real Estate Securitization (ARES)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full member of ARES with the ARES Certified Masters (ACM) credential Have five years' relevant experience, 12 months of which must be post-ACM 	N/A
	Japan Association of Real Estate Appraisers (JAREA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full member of JAREA with the Licensed Real Estate Appraiser (LREA) credential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Valuation Surveyor
Malaysia	Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member 10 years' relevant experience post membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Building Surveyor Chartered Land Surveyor Chartered Valuation Surveyor

		<p>Note: the period of experience is reduced to five years post membership for applicants who qualified via an assessment run by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Board of Quantity Surveyors, Malaysia (BQSM) or the Board of Valuers, Appraisers and Estate Agents (BOVEAP) or the Board of Land Surveyors Malaysia (BLSM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Quantity Surveyor (<i>Subject to RISM specialism</i>)
Singapore	Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV – all divisions except Quantity Surveying)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Member 10 years' relevant experience post-membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Land Surveyor Chartered Valuation Surveyor (<i>Subject to SISV specialism</i>)
	Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV –Quantity Surveying division)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Member Five years' relevant experience (of which at least one year must be post qualification) Must be working (or primarily based) in Singapore. An SISV member will not be eligible for RICS membership if they apply outside Singapore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Quantity Surveyor
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Authority for Accredited Valuers (TAQEEM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fellows (Real Estate division) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Valuation Surveyor
Canada	Appraisal Institute of Canada/Institut Canadien des Evaluateurs (AIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully accredited member at the senior grade AACI Five years' relevant experience post-AACI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Valuation Surveyor
	Canadian Institution of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member with the designation PQS / ECA. Five years' relevant experience post-PQS / ECA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Quantity Surveyor
United States	American Society of Appraisers (ASA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five years' relevant experience post-Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) or Fellow Accredited Senior Appraiser (FASA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Valuation Surveyor Chartered Machinery Valuation Chartered Arts and Antiques Surveyor (<i>Subject to ASA specialism</i>)
	The Appraisal Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid certification by the appropriate licensing authority of any State or government entity in the United States, in conformity with the rules set forth by the Appraiser Qualification Board (AQB) of the Appraisal Foundation, as either a <i>Certified Residential Real Estate/Property Appraiser</i> or <i>Certified General Real Estate/Property Appraiser</i> Undergraduate degree 10 years' relevant experience of which five years' must be post-certification if at the CRRPA grade <p>Note: the terms 'real estate' and 'real property' may be used interchangeably</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chartered Valuation Surveyor

	The Appraisal Institute (AI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member at the senior grade MAI • 10 years' relevant experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Valuation Surveyor
	CCIM Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCIM's 'Certified Commercial Investment Member' designation • 10 years' relevant experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Commercial Property Surveyor
	Chartered Financial Analyst Institute (CFAI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Charterholder • Five years' relevant experience post-Charterholder and completion of the CFA Level 3 examination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Valuation Surveyor
	Counsellors of Real Estate (CRE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member with the designation Counsellor of Real Estate is eligible FRICS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Management Consultancy Surveyor (Primary) • Chartered Commercial Property Surveyor • Chartered Facilities Management Surveyor • Chartered Valuation Surveyor
Australia	Australian Property Institute (API)	<p>Available to API Associate Member with one of the following credentials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Commercial Property Manager • Certified Facilities Manager • Certified Practising Valuer • Certified Practising Valuer – Plant and Machinery • Certified Practising Valuer – Business <p>Applicants must have five years' relevant experience of which one year must be post-credential.</p> <p>Available to API Associate Member with one of the following credentials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Development Practitioner • Certified Funds Manager <p>Applicants must have five years' relevant experience of which one year must be post-credential plus demonstrate three hours' CPD relating to the Red Book</p> <p>A Fellow of API is eligible to be admitted to FRICS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Facilities Management Surveyor • Chartered Planning and Development Surveyor • Chartered Valuation Surveyor • Chartered Commercial Property Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to API specialism)</i></p>
	Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Quantity Surveyor • Associate Member or Member • Five years' relevant experience post-membership <p>Note: The Associate grade ceased being offered on 30 November 2012, replaced by the Member grade. The two grades are identical in status and pre- requisite requirements. Existing Associate members can elect to retain the Associate title or transfer to the Member title</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Quantity Surveyor

		Note: this route applies only to applicants who qualified in Australia	
	Level 1 Building Certifiers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 Building Certifiers • Five years' relevant experience post-qualification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Building Control Surveyor
New Zealand	New Zealand Institute of Surveyors (NZIS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member • 10 years' relevant experience post-membership • Relevant undergraduate degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Land Surveyor • Chartered Hydrographic Surveyor • Chartered Engineering Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to NZIS specialism)</i></p>
	New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member with the title Registered Surveyor • 10 years' relevant experience post-membership • Relevant undergraduate degree <p>Note: this route is also open to Fellows of NZIQS with a relevant undergraduate degree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Quantity Surveyor
	Property Institute of New Zealand (PINZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Member, Senior Member or Fellow Member • Five years' relevant experience post-membership (can include time with a predecessor body) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Valuation Surveyor • Chartered Commercial Property Surveyor <p><i>(Subject to PINZ specialism)</i></p>
	Valuers Registration Board of New Zealand (VRBNZ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must hold the VRBNZ's 'Registered Valuer' title 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Valuation Surveyor
Other	International Hydrographic Organisation's Category A Hydrographic Surveyor		