

# RICS Practice Alert – VRS compliance

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RICS is issuing this Practice Alert as a reminder of the regulatory requirements for members engaging in valuation activities. Adherence to these standards ensures the highest level of professionalism and integrity within our profession.

## Valuer Registration Scheme (VRS) compliance

Members conducting valuation activities must join the Valuer Registration Scheme (VRS) if it is mandatory in their country. This excludes activities listed as exceptions in PS 1, paragraph 5 of [RICS Valuation – Global Standards](#) (Red Book Global Standards). Best practice for Registered Valuers and a list of countries where VRS is mandatory can be found [here](#).

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in regulatory action. We urge all members involved in valuation activities to review their status and ensure that they are registered with VRS, if required in their jurisdiction.

## Red Book compliance for non-mandatory VRS countries

For members in countries where VRS is not mandatory, adherence to the current edition of RICS' Red Book Global Standards is crucial when undertaking or supervising valuation activities. Compliance with these standards upholds the quality and credibility of your work and protects your professional standing.

Actions required:

- Verify if VRS is mandatory in your country and ensure your registration is current if you are carrying out valuation activities.
- Familiarise yourself with and follow the Red Book Global Standards when performing or overseeing valuation activities.
- Regularly review updates to Red Book Global Standards and any changes to regulatory requirements related to valuation activities.

Your adherence to these requirements is essential for maintaining high professional standards. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact the [regulatory team](#).

## Proposed changes to Red Book Global Standards

On 31 January 2024, new International Valuation Standards (IVS) were published, featuring a revised structure with a new emphasis on ESG factors, data utilisation, and valuation modelling. In response to these changes, insights gathered through the valuation member survey last year, and in order to align with the Valuation Review recommendations, RICS is updating Red Book Global Standards to support high standards in valuation delivery worldwide.

To ensure that the proposed changes future-proof practices in the public interest, we have launched a consultation today to seek your feedback. The consultation will be open until **2 August**, and your comments are vital to shape the final version.

Key updates:

- Integrating Valuation Review recommendations.
- Adapting practices for emerging trends like ESG and technological advancements.
- Aligning with developments in global standards such as IVS, IFRS, and Basel 3.1.

The revised Red Book Global Standards is scheduled for publication in late 2024, with a transition period before the guidance becomes effective on 31 January 2025.

## Consultation: 1 July to 2 August 2024

You can download the draft standard and share your feedback to the consultation [here](#). We are also providing our members a comprehensive overview of the changes being made to the standards through a [webinar](#) which took place on 15 July, but you can access the recording through RICS training and events.

## Further information

Visit our [web hub](#) for more information on the changes and translations of the previous version, effective until 30 January 2025.

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