Appendix B – RICS Building Conservation Accreditation Scheme (BCAS)

1 Interpretation


“appropriately qualified and/or experienced” is the test of whether an individual is appropriately qualified to become a member of the building conservation registration scheme and combines:

a. academic/professional qualifications, demonstrating technical competence;

b. membership of a professional body, demonstrating a commitment to ethical standards;

c. at least five years practical experience in building conservation.

2 Eligibility for Registration

2.1 A person may apply to join the RICS Building Conservation Accreditation Scheme (BCAS) if they are;

a. a Chartered Member of RICS with appropriate qualifications and/or experience; or

b. are an appropriately qualified and/or experienced person, who is not a member of RICS; and

c. carrying out building conservation work which falls within the scope of the RICS BCAS

3 Requirements of Scheme Registration

3.1 A Scheme registered person shall:

a. Carry out all building conservation work in accordance with the RICS Historic building conservation guide

b. Carry out sufficient relevant and appropriate CPD in relation to their obligations as a scheme registered member and maintain their own record of completed CPD

c. Carry out all building conservation work through an RICS Regulated firm; or

d. Where building conservation 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 RICS Regulatory Board

(ii) ensure that all previous and current building conservation work is covered by adequate and appropriate professional indemnity insurance.
4 Limits on Applications for Registration and Readmission

4.1 The Head of Regulation 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 Regulatory Board unless those fees are paid by an RICS Regulated Firm; and

b. any other costs incurred in the course of any investigation.