



**Helen Jones**  
**Residential Surveyor**

**Entry level salary:** £35,000 + bonus    **Average Salary:** £60,000 + bonus    **Top Salary:** £80,000 + bonus

**KEY SKILLS:** Flexibility • Multi-tasking • Problem Solving

**Summary**

As a Residential Surveyor, I look at properties on behalf of banks and building societies, to see how much they are worth. When people want to buy a new home, they tend to borrow money from banks and buildings societies, and I help them decide how much to lend to customers. In my role, I look at the different ways that valuations can be carried out then work out how risky it would be for the bank to lend this money.

**Day in the life**

Every day is different and the decisions that my colleagues and I make affect people’s lives. I mostly work from home which means I have a good work-life balance. When a valuation has been carried out on a property, and I have checked all of the details, if there is a minimal risk to the bank, the customer is able to go ahead and purchase that home. I also attend meetings which are mostly conference calls and talk to several people throughout the day about the potential risks involved for range of properties.

**WOW factor (why I love my job!)**

The future is very exciting because data sources are becoming more sophisticated. My company has a team of system developers who use advanced technology like photo recognition, to capture construction types and calculate land areas.

**How did you become a Residential Surveyor?**

When I was 14 years old, I went on a school trip to look at inner city residential properties, luxury mansions and everything in-between. From that moment on, I really wanted to work in housing.



**Top tips**

I started my surveying career as a secretary, then worked my way up the ranks to become a Senior Surveyor. If you are prepared to work hard, and have the right qualifications and determination, you will reach your goal.

- Gain work experience
- Work hard
- Be determined

GCSEs/A Levels/  
Scottish Highers  
Or  
Non-accredited  
degree

RICS accredited degree  
Surveying degree apprenticeship

Graduate Surveyor

Chartered  
Surveyor