

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

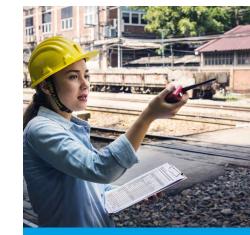
Every day is different and the decisions that my colleagues and I make affect people's lives. I mostly work from home which means I have a good work-life balance. When a valuation has been carried out on a property, and I have checked all of the details, if there is a minimal risk to the bank, the customer 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

