



Dr Samantha Organ

Building Surveyor

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

KEY SKILLS: Observation • Communication • Organisation

Summary

I give advice on how to design, build and restore buildings. I am like the Sherlock Holmes of construction, because I solve challenges and problems, by following clues using my powers of observation. I also create detailed reports to advise on how best to repair, maintain and restore properties.

Day in the life

I often start my day looking through construction project documents, before heading to a building site or to a meeting in the office. I might be advising on the creation of a new multimillion-pound university complex in the morning, then overseeing the restoration of a barn during the afternoon. In the evening you will find me heading off to professional seminars to learn about exciting developments, such as drones and digital mapping.

WOW factor (why I love my job!)

I work on some incredible properties and structures, and travel across the world to redesign buildings. I also develop technology and enjoy seeing how this is applied during projects. No two projects are the same, and I love being challenged.

How did you become a Building Surveyor?

If I were to start again, I would consider an apprenticeship as you gain experience as you study, it's paid, and your employer pays for your course fees.



Top tips

Working as a Building Surveyor is a varied, enjoyable job, where you'll have the opportunity to make a real difference to buildings and their occupants.

- Do your research into the different roles within the construction industry to see if one is right for you
- Get some work experience with a Buildings Surveyor to get a flavour of what we do
- Check out the RICS website for accredited university courses

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

RICS accredited degree

Surveying degree apprenticeship

Graduate Surveyor

Chartered
Surveyor