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To ensure that our members are able to provide the **quality of advice and level of integrity** required by the market, RICS qualifications are only awarded to individuals who meet the most rigorous requirements for both education and experience and who are prepared to maintain **high standards** in the public interest. With this in mind, it's perhaps not surprising that the letters RICS represent the mark of property professionalism worldwide.

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WHY USE A PROJECT MANAGEMENT SURVEYOR?



‘Chartered’ is the mark that shows a surveyor has achieved the ‘gold standard’ of professional competence.

A Chartered Project Management Surveyor will have been assessed by a peer group of experienced professionals and judged to have the blend of commercial and inter-personal skills required to operate at the highest level in today’s development and construction markets.

Chartered Project Management Surveyors can (and do!) add value to the development equation through their unique blend of **construction knowledge and people skills**. For example, at concept design stage they can provide strategic advice on schematic development plans; at detailed design stage they can advise on the programme and procurement options for alternative design solutions; and during the construction phase they can motivate the design and construction team to deliver completion of the construction contract on time and within budget. The peace of mind that this gives construction clients should not be underestimated.

Whilst some Chartered Project Management Surveyors take a generalist approach, others choose to specialise. Clients, therefore, can select the most appropriate professional for the job in hand – a generalist, perhaps, to oversee a small project or house extension or a specialist in the health sector for a large hospital building programme.

Whether a client chooses a generalist or specialist, the quality of service should not change. Chartered Project Management Surveyors are expected to provide a consistently high level of service on all types of project throughout their professional life.

The benefits of using a Chartered Project Management Surveyor are too numerous to cover here but typically include all of the following:

- Added value design solutions that optimise programme and procurement opportunities
- Increased certainty that building will be completed on time and within budget delivered through co-ordinated and collaborative teamwork
- Increased confidence that the surveyor has acquired the skills and expertise required to deliver the service required
- Confidence that the surveyor has adequate professional indemnity insurance
- Access to an independent complaints handling procedure.

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