

There are two levels [Technician and Degree] in New Zealand, with full time and part time/extramural options on most programmes recognised by NZIQS:

Bachelor of Construction (Construction Economics)

Equivalent of 3 years full time (conducted over 4 years)

Programme provided by UNITEC Auckland see www.unitec.ac.nz

Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)

Equivalent of 4 years full time (3rd and 4th year subjects are available extramurally).

Programme provided by Massey University (at Wellington campus) see www.massey.ac.nz

National Diploma in Quantity Surveying (NDQS)

2 years full time equivalent

Programmes provided by:

- UNITEC – Auckland – www.unitec.ac.nz
- Waikato Polytechnic – Hamilton – www.wintec.ac.nz
- The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand – Extramural – www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz
- Wellington Institute of Technology – www.weltec.ac.nz
- Christchurch Polytechnic – Christchurch – www.epit.ac.nz
- Otago Polytechnic – Dunedin – www.tekotago.ac.nz
- Southland Institute of Technology – Invercargill (some subjects only) – www.sit.ac.nz

Useful sources of career information
School careers advisers.

NZIQS website – www.nziqs.co.nz

Government Kiwi Careers website – www.kiwicareers.govt.nz

ITO address – www.infratrains.co.nz

Quantity Surveyors

also known as/called cost managers, cost engineers, building estimators

As a Quantity Surveyor you will work for;

- Building contractors
- QS consultancies
- Project management companies
- Construction material suppliers
- Government departments
- Insurance companies
- Professional developers & managers
- Subcontractor companies
- Tertiary education providers
- Banks & Financial investors

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Quantity Surveying

a leading construction career

What will you Do?

- Provide advice on construction costs
- Set budgets for construction projects
- Price building projects
- Record and manage these costs
- Measure progress on site
- Measure construction quantities
- Run your own company

You need to be a

- good communicator
- logical planner
- lateral thinker
- negotiator
- analytical reviewer
- problem solver
- team leader

"I set budgets for construction projects and then cost manage from concept design to building completion" – Dip QS graduate in QS consultancy

Quantity Surveyors have critical roles in all major building projects as construction cost managers



"You are involved at every stage of a building's development – from concept to completion" – newly graduated B Const QS

Full involvement in the construction process



"You deal with a wide range of occupations from executives to labourers" – Dip QS graduate

People skills are important

"The maths work isn't difficult but it is important that you are good with numbers" – Dip QS graduate

Maths with statistics, English, computing and technical drawing are valuable college subjects. Lots of future options with these qualifications



"Once you are qualified about \$35,000 but you can earn \$75,000 - \$100,000 dependent on age and experience."
– B Const QS graduate after initially being a builder

"I did consider accounting and marketing but I felt that both were limited career paths" – final year B Const QS student

Career pay opportunities are great

"Communications skills are important because you talk to contractors, architects and suppliers"

"QS is definitely the exciting side of construction. It's a big work load but I really enjoy it" – Dip QS Graduate

QS is a challenging construction role

