



APPRENTICESHIPS IN BUILDING SURVEYING

Delivering specialist surveys.

Developing design information.

Building on your skills.

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Delivering specialist surveys of diplomatic and government buildings around the world. Helping to produce the technical specifications for the refurbishment of offices. Developing the design information necessary to build new accommodation in remote locations. Experiencing the construction industry in a range of different cultures. This is the sort of vital work you'll do if you join FCDO Services as a Building Surveyor apprentice, so whether you're a school-leaver, returning to work after a career break, or looking to go in an entirely new direction, we could open up the world to you.

Your work will be a stimulating balance of formal academic work at University with hands-on experience in our London offices and at other sites in the UK and exciting locations around the world. You'll enjoy the support and encouragement of your experienced colleagues in our Building Surveying and Quantity Surveying teams, and quickly learn how we keep complex projects on track and on budget. You'll also discover how we provide a service of the highest quality, one that delivers a wide variety of high-profile projects that keep our buildings and people both safe and secure.

As one of our apprentices, you'll be doing work you won't find anywhere else. Important work that helps protect the UK's interests both here and overseas. And if you're successful, at the end of the programme you'll have gained a BSc in Building Surveying, membership of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and be on the road to a rewarding and fulfilling career with our important organisation. In our world, it all matters.

KEY FACTS

- Higher apprenticeship, working towards a BSc degree in Building Surveying
- Based at the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office, King Charles Street, Westminster, London with the flexibility of hybrid working depending on business need
- Great opportunities for overseas travel
- Five-year programme, with a potential full-time role at the end
- A carefully planned combination of practical work and study
- Open to all ages, but you will need:
 - A minimum of five GCSEs (or their equivalent) including Maths and English at grades 9-4 (A*-C)
 - A Level BBB or BTEC National Diploma DDM or access to a HE qualification with 24 Distinctions 21 Merits or equivalent level 3 qualifications worth 128 UCAS points
 - Excellent IT skills and familiarity with the Microsoft Office suite of software
 - Confident written and verbal communication skills
- A keen interest in design and construction
- The ability to deliver at pace in a fast-moving environment
- Good team-working and collaborative skills
- And interest and ability to travel overseas for your work
- British citizenship, having lived in the UK for the last three years before the first day of the apprenticeship and for at least five of the last ten years
- To be at least 16 years old by 1 July 2024 so you can complete Security Check (SC) clearance before your start date
- GCSEs (grade A* - C) in Engineering, Design Technology or a similar subject would be desirable, as would experience of CAD (Computer Aided Design) and/or Revit design software
- Some experience of working in a building contractor or building consultancy environment would be a bonus
- Candidates will need to undergo Security Check (SC) clearance before joining, and Developed Vetting (DV) clearance after joining



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YOUR PROGRAMME

If your application is successful, you'll begin your apprenticeship in September, which will be made up of a stimulating mix of study and work. You'll put your academic learning into practice as you join a friendly, collaborative team, and contribute to our Engineering and Operations Group's financial targets and KPIs.

As well as understanding how your own role helps the group achieve its objectives, you'll gain broad knowledge of the work of FCDO Services. And you'll assist team leaders and other colleagues in the production of everything from accurate designs and drawings to technical documentation, surveys and reports.

Committed to adhering to our security policies, you'll record all the learning and training you do with us in line with the requirements of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. You'll also participate in activities that promote our apprenticeship scheme, and dedicate yourself to a programme of continual professional development and improvement.

You'll quickly discover that an apprenticeship with us is challenging but enormously rewarding. It's also a chance to experience different cultures and building standards as you help provide the most cost effective and sustainable approach to delivering projects of vital importance to the security of our nation.

And all the while, you'll use the knowledge you've built in your practical work to support the success of your academic studies. The time you dedicate to your university work will change as you progress through the programme, and will be a core part of how you develop.



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I wanted to make sure the qualifications I gained were going to open more doors for me in the future.”

Quantity Surveying Apprentice

COMPLETING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP – AND BEYOND

Complete the apprenticeship, and you'll gain your BSc in Building Surveying and membership of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. But where to next? You'll have a range of options to make your future bigger. We'll do our best to find you a permanent position with us, working as a professional either in the UK or overseas. Whatever you decide, we'll do all we can to help you explore your interests and realise your ambitions.