A photograph of a construction worker wearing a white hard hat and a high-visibility yellow safety vest over a black t-shirt. He is looking upwards and to the right, holding a yellow measuring tape. The background shows a wooden wall and a window.

Becoming a Building Surveyor in Victoria

A Growing Industry

Are you interested in shaping the future of cities, ensuring buildings are safe, and making a real impact on Victoria's future? Building surveyors play a crucial role in Victoria's construction sector, making sure new and existing buildings meet safety, design, and environmental standards, and are built to last.

What does a building surveyor do?

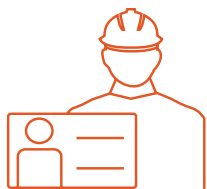
Building surveyors work at the heart of the construction process, building strong relationships with builders, architects, fire engineers, and councils to support the delivery of safe and successful projects for the community.

Building surveyors make sure buildings are safe, compliant, and meet regulatory standards, including:



Assessing designs

Review building plans and provide specialist technical advice on compliance with the *Building Act 1993*, Regulations, Building Codes, and Australian standards, with a focus on consumer and public safety.



Overseeing compliance

Oversee permits and inspect construction work at various stages to verify it aligns with approved plans. This includes conducting inspections and audits of existing buildings.



Issuing occupancy permits

Confirm completed buildings are safe to use and occupy by verifying compliance with fire safety, accessibility, and building code requirements. This also includes assessing and auditing the maintenance of existing buildings with building codes and standards, using problem-solving and critical thinking skills to address complex issues to achieve compliance and safety.

Educational pathways

To become a registered building surveyor in Victoria, you need a tertiary qualification and Building and Plumbing Commission (BPC) registration. Victoria University offers:

- Graduate Diploma in Building Surveying
- Bachelor of Building Surveying

These courses provide essential knowledge and skills in building legislation, plan assessment, and site inspections.

For a full list of accredited courses, scan the QR code.



Streamlined registration

The BPC recognises accreditations from:

- Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS)
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

Career and salary prospects

After qualifying, you must register with the BPC under:

- **Building Surveyor (Unlimited)** – Can work on all building types.
- **Building Surveyor (Limited)** – Works on specific classes, typically residential or smaller projects.

With high demand, many students secure jobs during their studies. Salaries range from **\$80,000 for graduates to \$150,000–\$250,000** for experienced, senior professionals.



Why choose a career in building surveying?



High demand:

A national shortage means strong job security



Competitive salaries:

Reflects the profession's responsibility and expertise



Diverse work environments:

Roles in private firms, local councils and regulatory bodies



Community impact:

Help promote safe, sustainable and compliant buildings

Get started today

A career in building surveying is rewarding and impactful. For more details on courses and registration, visit the **Building and Plumbing Commission** and **Australian Institute of Building Surveyors** websites by scanning the QR codes below.



What is building surveyor work?

Building and Plumbing Commission



Get ready for a great career

Australian Institute of Building Surveyors