

GLOSSARY

corporate: *aziendale*
Royal Charter: *concessione reale*
core: *centro, cuore*
embarking: *che intraprendono*
praised: *lodato*



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MORE ABOUT...

RICS is a sustainable organisation with a vision for 'managing change in a changing world'. In fact, at a global, national and local level, RICS is committed to creating and maintaining a healthy environment for today but also for future generations. The organisation is focused on protecting natural habitats, sustainable construction and land and resource management.

RICS

RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) has about 100,000 qualified members in over 140 countries worldwide, whose competence and integrity help businesses, society and governments by providing impartial, authoritative advice on issues regarding land, property, and construction, especially those associated with the environment. RICS members are in fact committed to creating and maintaining a healthy environment through the preservation of natural capital, by promoting social equity, and giving support to ensure a healthy local economy.



In 2010-11 RICS produced a corporate responsibility report to examine sustainability, communities and employees. This report demonstrates their commitment to sustainable development and disaster risk reduction, as well as promoting fair access to the profession. This institution promotes research for sustainability in buildings and also produces training materials for domestic energy efficiency measures all over Europe. RICS is a global professional body governed by a Royal Charter which states that its members are obliged to act in the public interest in everything they do. It is therefore of no surprise that its strategic business plan has responsible action at its core.

Those embarking on a career with RICS will be pleased to know that they will have the chance to advance in this profession as well as being able to see a lot of the world. As the organisation grows and develops internationally, there is an ever-changing range of opportunities at various levels all over the world. The aim of this organisation is to create a working environment which is where people want to be, and where they are encouraged to make the best of their personal ability, to ensure the achievement of their objectives. At RICS they are continually introducing innovative ideas, and they aim to be flexible so that their employees are not just a number, but are treated as individuals with individual attributes and difficulties. Employees are rewarded for taking the initiative to improve things, so it's not just a case of killing time at work, you are expected to deliver the results and will be praised accordingly.



READING COMPREHENSION

1 Read the text and answer the following questions.

- 1 In what way do RICS members help businesses?
- 2 How much does the environment count in their decision-making?
- 3 How does RICS treat its employees?
- 4 What career prospects are there in RICS?

VOCABULARY

2 **FCE** Read the text below and follow the example filling in the gaps by transforming the word you find at the end of each line.

RICS *organisation* started when 20 surveyors decided to meet to draw up resolutions, by-laws and (1) _____ to establish a professional association to represent surveyors and the (2) _____ property profession. By 1868 there were 49 members in this group, and in June of that year they approved the (3) _____ of John Clutton as the first (4) _____ of the Institution of Surveyors. The expansion and (5) _____ of the industrialised world was what led them to start up this association, as the increase in (6) _____, infrastructures and transport links meant that there was a need for stricter controls to ensure that future (7) _____ could live in an (8) _____ planet.

ORGANISE
REGULATE
GROW
ELECT
PRESIDE
DEVELOP
HOUSE
GENERATE
SPOIL

3 Complete the following paragraph about RICS with the words from the box.

achievement • issues • professional • ethical • framework • provide • sets

RICS is the leading (1) _____ body worldwide which (2) _____ the highest qualifications and standards in land, property and construction and regulates the profession through (3) _____ principles. Quality academic (4) _____, practical training and lifelong learning are all dealt with by RICS members who also (5) _____ a solid protection (6) _____ for clients and advise governments and NGOs on legislation and other public policy (7) _____.

WRITING

4 **FCE** You have had a class discussion about how to keep the national economy healthy. Your teacher has now asked you to write an essay on the following statement: 'The success of our national economy depends on our daily choices and actions'. Write your essay (120-180 words).