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# Successful career in construction

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# Interested in a career in construction?

Construction apprentice, project manager, building surveyor, design manager, structural or civil engineer. Quantity surveyor, construction planner or site manager... When it comes to the world of construction, there are so many varied, interesting and rewarding careers to choose from.

## Fantastic opportunities

The construction industry is currently battling a severe skills shortage, and companies are combatting this by offering career pathways that are flexible, exciting and accessible to people from all walks of life, different educational backgrounds and with different levels of experience.

## Alongside excellent career prospects come many benefits:

- Become qualified and travel the world!
- Enjoy great job satisfaction by being part of a team in the design, creation or preservation of a building.
- In construction, no two days are the same. There are always new challenges, fresh problems to solve and different people to meet.

## Get in touch

So if you're thinking about a career in construction, then you should get in touch and find out what the CIOB can do for you. Through our qualifications, programmes and accredited courses, we can help you create the best pathway to a successful career in the built environment. You could also join a network of members - we are the world's largest and most influential professional body for construction management and leadership.

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# Which job title speaks out to you?

## Construction Project Manager

Often involved from the design stage of a major construction project, right through to completion. Typically requires a degree in a related subject, e.g. engineering, building studies or building management. Or you can start as a trainee technician and gain qualifications and experience on the way.

**Outlook:** A highly varied, satisfying and well paid role. Its for those who like to think on their feet, who want to travel the world and be at the centre of a team.

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## Building Surveyor

Provides professional advice on the restoration, conversion and maintenance of existing buildings, and on the design and construction of new ones. Requires a degree in surveying, also RICS Accredited.

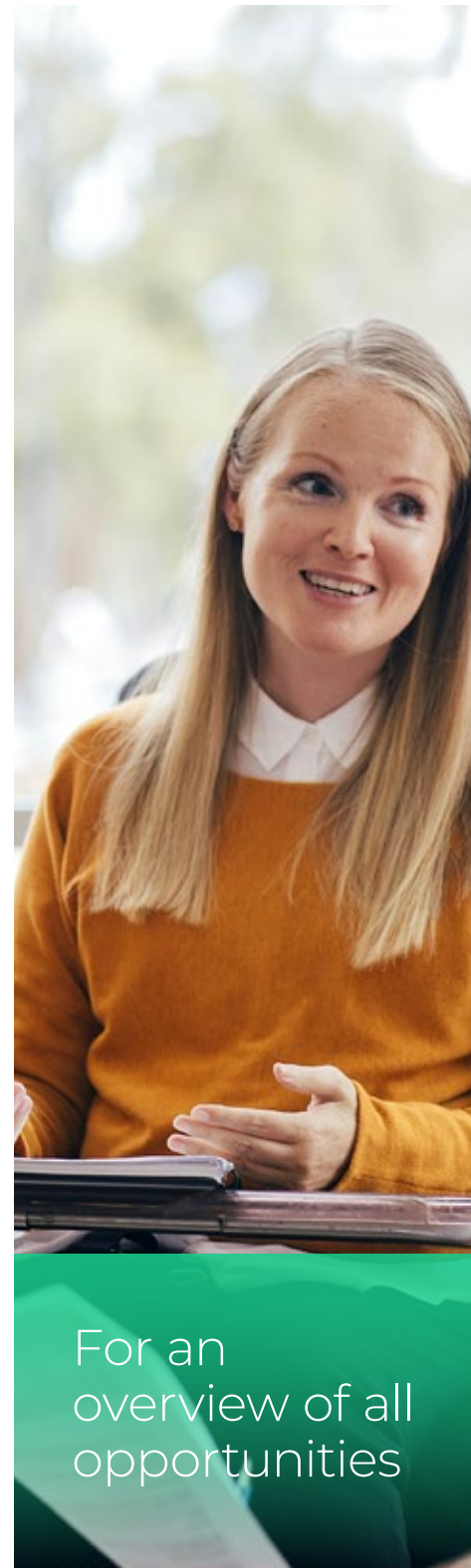
**Outlook:** A rewarding and varied role, ideal for keen problem solvers and for those looking to work in Building Control for Local Authorities, ensuring people are safe in buildings as they use them.

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## Design Manager

Manages all the processes in relation to producing a set of drawings that a building can be built from. Starting points to this career range from a BTEC in a building subject, to an HNC, HND or degree in construction management, embellished with at least 3 years' experience managing elements of construction projects.

**Outlook:** A challenging and satisfying job for forward planners with good people skills.



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opportunities



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## Structural Engineer

Analyses, designs and plans structures to stand the test of time. Requires a structural engineering degree or relevant professional qualifications. Several years of work experience are necessary before sitting a licensing examination.

**Outlook:** A rewarding career for good problem solvers, with a strong understanding in science and maths. Good salaries and a chance to shape the modern landscape.

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## Quantity Surveyor

Responsible for managing construction costs and contracts. Choose between taking a quantity surveying degree or professional qualifications. Common related degrees include surveying, construction, civil engineering and structural engineering. CIOB Chartered status requires two years' work experience on top.

**Outlook:** A pivotal job in the construction world, with potential for travel and large salaries. Ideal for good organisers and communicators who have a flair for numbers.

## Apprenticeship

A paid job combined with on and off-the-job learning, with an assessment at the end. There are different levels of apprenticeships available, most including technical qualifications or increasingly, university degrees.

**Outlook:** Solid, practical start to a successful career in construction. Opportunities for project-based travel around the UK and abroad. .

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## Construction Planner

Involves choosing technology, defining of tasks and how these interact, and estimating the required resources. No set qualifications are required, but pathways usually comprise a university degree, along with experience in construction or civil engineering.

Outlook: An interesting and varied job for someone who wants to be on site and steering a team successfully through each phase of a construction project and the associated tasks.

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## Civil Engineer

Responsible for delivering a huge range of public services and facilities. As well as studying a civil engineering degree course, the many routes to this role include apprenticeships and BTEC qualifications that combine study with practical training.

Outlook: An opportunity to earn big salaries and work on exciting projects all over the world. Ideal for problem solvers, with creative yet logical and scientific minds.

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## Construction Site Manager

Oversees day-to-day operations on a construction site, ensuring work is carried out safely, on time, within budget and to the right standards. The starting point is usually a degree, HNC, HND or BTEC in building, engineering or construction. However, construction site managers can also come from project or contract management roles.

Outlook: A rewarding job for good planners with excellent people and motivational skills. A great springboard to directorship, contracts management and even consultancy or teaching.



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