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Accredited Professional Quantity Surveyor

APQS Scheme

About APQS Scheme

- **The APQS designation**, a SISV Industry Transformation Initiative, ensures that Quantity Surveyors practising in Singapore are **competent**, dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of **professional service excellence** and seek continuous improvement and development.
- Endorsed by the Central Procurers Panel, APQS is 1 of the 8 [Accreditation schemes for Built Environment Sector professionals](#), and a building block of the eventual competency-based procurement for public sector construction and FM procurement.
- When a **critical mass of accredited personnel is built up**, the **APQS credentials**, will be recognized as the **default requirement** for consulting and contracting services for public and private sector projects.
- Quantity Surveyors, SISV members and non-members alike, are encouraged to apply for APQS accreditation as soon as possible.

Benefits of Accreditation for QS Professional & the Built Environment

- APQS scheme defines the desired workforce skills standards and training needs for QS Professionals. The clarity in progression milestones and skills requirements will help QS Professionals to chart their career development
- **Independent validation** of skillsets **differentiates APQS from other QS Professionals** in the industry. The esteem and pride associated with APQS will help retention and bolster standards and professionalism in the Built Environment
- Renewal of Accreditation requires APQS to fulfil Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This motivates registrants to continually learn and progress.
- Higher pay will follow upskilling through continuing education and training
- Use of Post-nominal letters. Successful applicants may use the post-nominal letter of APQS TierX and may use the term Accredited Professional Quantity Surveyor.

Who can apply for APQS?

- APQS Applicants do not have to be SISV members but must be currently undertaking Quantity Surveying work and is in good standing¹.

APQS & SISV Membership

- Non-Member APQS applicants are **strongly encouraged** to apply for SISV membership. SISV will waive membership processing fee when membership & APQS application are submitted together.

¹Status of registration with a Professional QS Institution is not “suspended” or “delisted” and has paid all membership fees or a person who is of good character and is trustworthy.

APQS Certification Grades: 4



Application Routes: 3



Typical Profile and Accreditation Requisites

APQS Tier 4

Possible Corresponding Job Titles

- Assistant QS/ Assistant Cost Manager

Accreditation Requisites

Requisites	Minimum Requirements (for 3 routes)
Qualification/ Professional membership	R1) QS Diploma/ Construction related Diploma/ Non-QS Degree/ QS Degree not Recognised by SISV R2) SISV Technical Member R3) Non-Professional Member (Graduate/Probationer/Tech/associate etc)
Experience	At least 1 year of post-qualification QS experience
QS Competencies	Pegged to BE Skills Framework and do read SFw Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before applying for APQS
Assessment	Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 4 Designation will be based on: a) Tier 4 APQS Competencies Report b) Interview is not required

APQS Tier 3

Possible Corresponding Job Titles

- Quantity Surveyor/ Contracts /Cost Manager

Accreditation Requisites

Requisites	Minimum Requirements (for 3 routes)
Qualification/ Professional membership	R1) SISV accredited and recognised QS degree/ Other QS degree + passed SISV FEPM Oral/Written Exam Non-QS degree + completion of bridging course prescribed by and to be implemented by SISV (not available yet) R2) MSISV ^{see note} or SISV Probationer R3) Professional Member (Member or Fellow)
Experience	a) At least 2 years of local post-qualification QS experience, or b) At least 5 years of post-qualification QS experience, 1 of which must be local
QS Competencies	Pegged to BE Skills Framework and do read SFw Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before applying for APQS
Assessment	Assessment if the applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 3 Designation will be based on: a) Tier 3 APQS Competencies Report b) APQS Tier 3 interview ² ² Please inform APQS Secretariat if you are SISV Probationer and are APC ready. You can combine APC and APQS assessment in one Interview session and APC fee will be waived.

Note: MSISV applying for Tier3 and TechSISV applying for Tier4 will be offered [Direct Admission](#) for a limited period only.

APQS Tier 2

Possible Corresponding Job Titles

- Senior QS/ Senior Contracts Manager/ Senior Cost Manager

Accreditation Requisites

Requisites	Minimum Requirements (for 3 routes)
Qualification/ Professional membership	R1) Refer to requirement of APQS Tier 3 R2) SISV Probationer, SISV Member or SISV Fellow R3) Professional Member (Member or Fellow)
Experience	a) At least 5 years of post-qualification QS experience, 2 of which must be local , or b) At least 10 years of post-qualification QS experience, 1 of which must be local
QS Competencies	Pegged to BE Skills Framework and do read SFw Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before applying for APQS
Assessment	Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 2 Designation will be based on: a) Tier 2 APQS Competencies Report b) APQS Tier 2 Interview

APQS Tier 1

Possible Corresponding Job Titles

- Associate Director/ Contracts Director

Accreditation Requisites

Requisites	Minimum Requirements (for 3 routes)
Qualification/ Professional membership	R1) Refer to requirement of APQS Tier 3 R2) SISV Probationer, SISV Member or SISV Fellow R3) Professional Member (Member or Fellow)
Experience	a) At least 10 years of post-qualification QS experience, 2 of which must be local , or b) At least 15 years of post-qualification QS experience, 1 of which must be local
QS Competencies	Pegged to BE Skills Framework and do read SFw Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before applying for APQS
Assessment	Assessment if the applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 1 Designation will be based on: a) Tier 1 APQS Competencies Report (available on SISV website) b) APQS Tier 1 interview

APQS Renewal

- APQS Accreditation is valid for 1 year only. Continuing Professional Development is mandatory for renewal of APQS Accreditation.
- APQS of **ALL Tiers**, must attain a minimum of **20 CPD** Units over the renewal qualification period (12-month period immediately preceding the application of renewal).
- Route 3 Applicants who rely on their professional memberships for their APQS application, must continue to remain as a member of that Professional QS Institute when they apply for annual renewal.

Pre-application Reading



- [What is APQS?](#)
- [APQS Background/Tips and Guidelines](#)
- [SFw Technical Skills & Competencies \(TSC\)](#)
- APQS Competencies Report
- [Tier1/ Tier2/ Tier3 & Tier4](#) Templates
- [APQS Competencies Report Guide](#)
- [\(Tips on filling out the Competences Report\)](#)



Application Submission & Process of Accreditation

Submission Checklist

- ✓ Duly completed APQS Application Form, - For Tier 4, with supervisor declaration
- ✓ Duly completed APQS Competencies Report
- ✓ Organisation Chart for APQS Tier 1 Applicants
- ✓ Professional CV detailing relevant QS experience
- ✓ Certified copies of your qualification certificates
- ✓ Payment of Application Fee
- ✓ Letter of good standing (For R2 & R3 Applicants only)

Process of Accreditation (8-12weeks)

Wk 1-4	Assessment of Competencies Report
	Re-submission of Competencies Report
Wk 5-6	Arrangement of APQS Interview
Wk 7-8	APQS Interview
Wk 9-10	Processing of Interview outcome
Wk 11-12	Approval by SISV QS Council

Application and Annual Fee in SGD*(with 9% GST)

- Application Fee** : \$381.50, Non-refundable
Annual Fee : Pro-rata, when applicable, for first year of Accreditation
 Full rate for subsequent annual renewal



APQS Tier	SISV Member	Non - Member
Tier 1	\$81.75 (FSISV) \$109 (other member grades)	\$299.75
Tier 2	\$81.75	\$272.50
Tier 3	\$54.50	\$250.70
Tier 4	\$54.50	\$163.50

Payment

PayNow

PayNow (UEN No.: S82SS0045E)

Confirm entity name as SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS & VALUERS Indicate APQS in UEN / Bill Reference

Bank Transfer

DBS Current Account no.: 007-005007-0

Bank Code: 7171 | Branch Code: 007

SWIFT CODE: DBSSSGSG

Please indicate APQS as reference when transferring

Cheque

Crossed cheque payable to "Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers".

Please indicate your name and APQS as reference on the back of the cheque

Contact Us for Sharing Session



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3 New Routes – Launched on 20 Oct 2023

(I) Green Route – Available from 20 Oct 2023 to 19 Oct 2025

- For QS of Eminence and QS who are in Senior Management
- For APQS Tier 1 Designation only

Green Route	APQS Tier 1
Possible Corresponding Job Titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of a consulting firm, or • Director of a Government Agency, or • Head of Department (HOD) of Quantity Surveying or Contract Management of a Developer or Contractor Firm
Requisites	Minimum Requirement
Academic Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APQS Acceptable Degrees and Diploma, or • Professional Member (Member or Fellow) of a Professional Quantity Surveyor Institution having Recognition Agreement with SISV
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QS with minimum 20yrs of experience and have been in Senior Management for more than 10 years managing 10 or more persons. • Organization Chart must be accompanied with application.
QS Competencies Requirements	<p>Pegged to BE Skills Framework Please read SFW Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before submitting your application</p> <p><u>Application Submission:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly completed APQS Green Route (GR) Application Form • Professional CV detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QS experience and the size and team/s managed ○ Achievement and Awards
Assessment	<p>Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support GR APQS Tier1 will be based on:</p> <p>(a) APQS Green Route (GR) Competencies Report (b) Professional CV</p> <p>APQS GR Interview is optional</p>

Green Route Fees (with GST)

APQS Fees (with 9% GST)	APQS Green Route (Tier 1)	
Application Fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must accompany APQS Application - Non-refundable 	\$381.50 (Non-refundable)	
Annual Fee (APQS Tier 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pro-rata for first partial year of accreditation - Full fee when APQS accreditation is renewed 	Members of SISV	Non-SISV Member
	\$81.75 (FSISV only)	\$299.75
\$109.00 (other member grades)		

*APQS Fees will be reviewed periodically and SISV has the right to revise the fees without prior notice.

(II) Special Route – Available from 20 Oct 2023 to 19 Oct 2025

- For Veteran QS who do not have a SISV accredited and recognised QS Degree
- Only QS's with minimum 10 years of post-graduation QS experience are eligible for this route
- For APQS Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4 Designation

Special Route	APQS Tier 4	APQS Tier 3	APQS Tier 2	APQS Tier 1
Possible Corresponding Job Titles	Assistant QS / Assistant Cost Manager	Quantity Surveyor/ Contracts Manager/ Cost Manager	Senior QS / Senior Contracts/ Senior Cost Manager	Associate Director/ Contracts Director/Director
Requisites	Minimum Requirement			
Academic Qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG Diploma (Diploma offered by polytechnics in Singapore) • Degrees in Built Environment (Architecture, Civil engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Quantity Surveying etc) • Other degrees are subject to review by APQS Accreditation Committee 			
Experience	APQS Tier 4	APQS Tier 3	APQS Tier 2	APQS Tier 1
	≥ 10 years of QS experience including minimum 5 years local		≥ 15 years of QS experience including minimum 5 years local	≥ 20 years of QS experience including minimum 5 years local
QS Competencies Requirements	Pegged to BE Skills Framework Please read SFw Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before submitting your application <u>Application Submission:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly completed APQS Special Route (SR) Application Form • Duly completed APQS Competencies Report available on SISV website. • Professional CV detailing QS experience 			
Assessment	Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier1/ 2/ 3/ 4 Designation will be based on: (a) Competencies Report (b) APQS Interview for APQS Tier 1-3 applicants. (c) APQS Interview will not be required for Tier 4 applicants			

Special Route Fees (with GST)

APQS Fees (with 9% GST)	APQS Tier 1	APQS Tier 2	APQS Tier 3	APQS Tier 4
Application Fee - Must accompany APQS Application - Non-refundable	\$381.50 (Non-refundable)			\$163.50 (Non-refundable)
Annual Fee (Non-SISV Member) - Pro-rata for first partial year of accreditation - Full fee when APQS accreditation is renewed.	\$299.75	\$272.50	\$250.70	\$163.50
Annual Fee (SISV Member) - Pro-rata for first partial year of accreditation - Full fee when APQS accreditation is renewed	APQS Tier 1 \$81.75 (FSISV Only) \$109.00 (other member grades)	\$81.75	\$54.50	\$54.50

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(III) Direct Admission – Available from 20 Oct 2023 to 31 Oct 2024

A. For MSISV applying for APQS Tier 3 Designation

MSISV Direct Admission	MSISV Applying for APQS Tier 3 Designation
Possible Corresponding Job Titles	Quantity Surveyor/ Contracts Manager/ Cost Manager
Requisites	Minimum Requirement
SISV Membership	MSISV
QS Competencies Requirements	<p>Pegged to BE Skills Framework Please read SFW Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before submitting your application</p> <p><u>Application Submission:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly completed APQS Application (SISV Member) Form • Duly APQS Tier 3 Competencies Report, available on SISV website. • Professional CV detailing QS experience
Assessment	<p>Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 3 Designation will be based on:</p> <p>(a) Competencies Report (b) APQS Interview will not be required</p>

MSISV Direct Admission Fees

APQS Fees (with GST)	For application submitted in			
Annual Fee (Non-SISV Member) - Must accompany APQS Application - Non-refundable.	Oct -Nov 2023 With 50% discount (8% GST)	Dec 2023 With 35% discount (8% GST)	Jan – Mar 2024 With 20% discount (9% GST)	From Apr 2024 Full Rate (With 9% GST)
	\$189.00 Non-refundable	\$245.70 Non-refundable	\$305.20 Non-refundable	\$381.50 Non-refundable
Annual Fee (Non-SISV Member) - Pro-rata for first partial year of accreditation - Full fee when APQS accreditation is renewed	2023 (with 8% GST)		2024 (with 9% GST)	
	\$54.00		\$54.50	

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B. For TechSISV applying for APQS Tier 4 Designation

TechSISV Direct Admission	TechSISV Applying for APQS Tier 4 Designation
Possible Corresponding Job Titles	Assistant QS / Assistant Cost Manager
Requisites	Minimum Requirement
SISV Membership	TechSISV
QS Competencies Requirements	<p>Pegged to BE Skills Framework Please read SFw Technical Skills & Competencies (TSC) before submitting your application</p> <p><u>Application Submission:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duly completed APQS Application (SISV Member) Form Duly APQS Tier 4 Competencies Report available on SISV website. Professional CV detailing QS experience
Assessment	<p>Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 4 Designation will be based on:</p> <p>(a) Competencies Report (b) APQS Interview will not be required</p>

TechSISV Direct Admission Fees

APQS Fees (with GST)	For application submitted in			
Annual Fee (Non-SISV Member) - Must accompany APQS Application - Non-refundable	Oct -Nov 2023 With 50% discount (8% GST)	Dec 2023 With 35% discount (8% GST)	Jan – Mar 2024 With 20% discount (9%GST)	From Apr 2024 Full Rate (With 9% GST)
	\$81.00 Non-refundable	\$105.30 Non-refundable	\$130.80 Non-refundable	\$163.50 Non-refundable
Annual Fee (Non-SISV Member) - Pro-rata for first partial year of accreditation - Full fee when APQS accreditation is renewed	2023 (with 8% GST)		2024 (with 9% GST)	
	\$54.00		\$54.50	

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