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Accredited Professional Quantity Surveyor APQS Scheme

About APQS Scheme

- The APQS designation, is a SISV Industry Transformation Initiative, to ensure 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 Successful applicants may use the post nominals 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





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. Detail, refer to Competencies Report Tier 4 Template, available on SISV website.		
Assessment	 Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 4 Designation will be based on: a) APQS Competencies Report (Tier 4) b) APQS Tier 4 interview is required for Route 3 applicants only 		

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 recognised QS degree/ (Non-recognised QS degree or non-QS degree) plus completion of bridging course prescribed by and to be implemented by SISV R2) SISV Member or SISV Probationer ready for APC 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. Detail, refer to APQS Competencies Report Tier 3 Template, available on SISV website.
Assessment	 Assessment if the applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 3 Designation will be based on: a) APQS Competencies Report (Tier 3) b) APQS Tier 3 interview² ²SISV Probationers can combine APC and APQS assessment in in one Interview, and, SISV Members, who already passed SISV APC, are exempt from APQS Tier 3 interview

APQS Tier 2

Possible Corresponding Job Titles

• Senior QS/ Senior Contracts Manager/ Senior Cost Manager <u>Accreditation Requisites</u>

Requisites	Minimum Requirements (for 3 routes)		
Qualification/ Professional membership	R1) SISV recognised QS degree		
	R2) 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. Detail, refer to Competencies Report Tier 2 Template , available on SISV website.		
Assessment	Assessment if an applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 2 Designation will be based on:		
	a) APQS Competencies Report (Tier 2)		
	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/	R1) SISV recognised QS degree		
Professional	R2) SISV Member or SISV Fellow		
membership	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. Detail, refer to APQS Competencies Report Tier 1 Template, available on SISV website.		
Assessment	Assessment if the applicant has attained the proficiency to support APQS Tier 1 Designation will be based on:		
	a) APQS Competencies Report (Tier 1)		
	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 Click here

- ÷ What is APQS?
- ٠ APQS Background/Tips and Guidelines
- ٠ (video)
- Technical Skills and details of the level ٠ of Competencies for QS
- ••• **APQS Competencies Requirements**
- ٠ **APQS Competencies Report Templates**





Application Submission & Process of Accreditation

Submission Checklist

- Duly completed APQS Application Form, ~ - For Tier 4, with supervisor declaration
- ~ Duly completed APQS Competencies Report
- Professional CV detailing relevant QS experience
- ~ Certified copies of your qualification certificates

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- 1 Payment of Application Fee
- Letter of good standing

(For R2 & R3 Applicants only

Process of Accreditation (8-12weeks)

Wk 1-4	1)	Assessment of Competencies Report		
	2)	Re-submission of Competencies Report		
Wk 5-6	3)	Arrangement of APQS		
		Interview		
Wk 7-8	4)	APQS Interview		
Wk 9-10	5)	Processing of Interview outcome		
Wk 11-12	6)	Approval by SISV QS Council		

Application and Annual Fee in SGD*(subject to GST)

- **Application Fee**
- : \$150, Non-refundable
- **Interview Fee Annual Fee**
- \$200, payable when APQS interview is arranged :
- Pro-rata, when applicable, for first year of Accreditation Full rate for subsequent annual renewal

Contact Secretariat	APQS Tier	SISV Member		Non-Member
for Assistance	Tier 1	FSISV	\$75	\$275
		MSISV	\$100	
	Tier 2	\$75		\$250
	Tier 3	\$50		\$230
	Tier 4	\$50		\$150

Payment		
PayNow	PayNow (UEN No.: S82SS0045E) Confirm entity name as SINGAPORE INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS & VALUERS Indicate APQS in UEN / Bill Reference	Contact Us for Sharing Session
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".	https://form.jotform.c om/230441962136452