

Criteria for Inclusion

RICS Expert Witness Accreditation Service

Criteria for Inclusion on the List of RICS Registered Expert Witnesses

RICS Dispute Resolution Service



RICS Expert Witness Accreditation Service (EWAS)

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These criteria apply if you wish to become an RICS Registered Expert Witness. This category is available to those who have fulfilled the DRS criteria, but do not have the full experience required for the Accredited Expert Witness category. The Registered Expert Witness category will entitle you to inclusion on the RICS List of Registered Expert Witness, until such time as you are able to meet the full criteria for the Accredited Expert Witness status. As an RICS Registered Expert Witness, you will not have full inclusion on the RICS President's Panel of Accredited Expert Witnesses, however, your name will be published on the RICS List of Registered Expert Witness and DRS will be able to offer your appointment to those who may be looking for a less experienced expert witness or to those who, for some other reason, may not want to appoint an expert witness from the Accredited Expert Witness list.

(For criteria to become an RICS Accredited Expert Witness, please see Criteria for Inclusion on the RICS President's Panel of Accredited Expert Witnesses).

To be eligible for inclusion on the RICS List of RICS Registered Expert Witnesses, you must satisfy the following requirements:

- Successful completion of the RICS Expert Witness Certificate OR receive an exemption from the RICS Expert Witness Certificate*
- Successful assessment of all five competencies of the RICS Expert Witness Certificate
- Successful completion of the online RICS ethics test: DRS Professional Ethics Exemptions

* You may be eligible for an exemption from the RICS Expert Witness Certificate if you can demonstrate that you completed other expert witness training from an institution recognised by RICS. Please note, you will still be required to have all five competencies of the RICS Expert Witness Certificate successfully assessed. If you wish to apply for an exemption, please contact DRS on the details below.

Guidance to the criteria

To apply for inclusion on the List of RICS Registered Expert Witnesses you will need to send to DRS:

- Completed RICS EWAS Skills Form for RICS Registered Expert Witnesses
- Evidence of successful completion of the online ethics test: DRS Professional Ethics

RICS EWAS Skills Form

In this form you should indicate your skills, geographic coverage, the value, complexity and types of disputes in which you submit you are qualified to testify, and the tribunals before which you believe you are competent to appear.

Your skills form will be used by RICS DRS Appointments Team to offer you appointments best suited to your skills, expertise and geographical area in which you operate. You must therefore ensure that you identify your skills correctly and that they are commensurate with your experience in practice.

DRS Professional Ethics

With your application form you will be required to submit a copy of the certificate you receive after successful completion of the DRS Professional Ethics course. The online ethics test is available on RICS Online Academy. You will be enrolled onto the course and sent a link by DRS staff after successful assessment of all five competencies of the RICS Expert Witness Certificate

Please note:

Being on the List of RICS Registered Expert Witnesses will make you eligible for certain nominations by RICS DRS but is not a guarantee that you will receive nominations from RICS.

These criteria are monitored, and their effectiveness is reviewed. DRS reserves the right to update/modify the criteria at any time.

For further information contact

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