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The purpose of this report is to discuss the differences between a private practice/ professional quantity surveyor and a contractor's quantity surveyor within the construction industry.

Then after understanding both roles in detail, finally I consider which type of quantity surveyor I would like to become, and how I can plan to do this in the most efficient way possible. According to the RICS a quantity surveyor is an expert in the art of costing a building at all its stages, and although this is true and may be seen as the main role of a QS, the modern QS has a larger variety of roles than most think in all stages of building planning and construction. The methods I've used to find out information during this report is from my lectures, internet research and books from the library. PQSA private or professional quantity surveyor (PQS) works for a consultant on the client side.

A client would be a person or organization using the services of the PQS.

Whilst the consultant is the company he/she works for giving expert professional advice. For example, Turner & Townsend, a consultant, would hire a PQS to give their expert advice to a client of theirs which could be Carillion, Amey UK or any other construction company in need of expert services. Throughout a project a PQS will be involved in every step of the process from inception to completion. The PQS is a building economist concerned with the financial management of the building project.

The professional quantity surveyors ensure that clients secure value for money and that the completed projects provide substantial added value to the client's property asset. In the early stages of a project the PQS will

prepare approximate estimate of the costs as well as giving advice on alternative materials/components and assisting in feasibility studies. Next, during the design stage, the PQS will work on cost planning and value analysis. This is to ensure that the client gets the best possible value for money and to keep the tender figures inside the client's budget.

The role of a PQS is very independent but he does work alongside a team of other professionals comprising of the client, architect and engineer just to name a few. The