

Opening the door to residential valuation with the Sava certificate

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What is your current profession?

I worked as a general practice surveyor for several years, gaining a bit of commercial property experience as well, before becoming a Chartered Surveyor through a Facilities Management pathway.

What kind of business do you currently undertake?

I currently run my own surveying practice, mainly undertaking general practice work but also touching on commercial management and facilities management.

My plan is to transition to residential work as much as possible in the future, which is one of the reasons I decided to undertake the Certificate in Residential Valuation.

What motivated you to enrol on the certificate?

Residential was my first love in property and I'd always toyed with valuation. I was seeking a structured course rather than taking a bit of CPD here and there, so everything was tied together. I wanted to take myself from 'I don't know anything' to 'I now have the theory to take me forward in my career'.

It was my goal to become a registered valuer and although I could have gone back through the Royal Institution of

Chartered Surveyors (RICS), it would have taken me a long time to achieve registered valuer status through that pathway.

I was looking for training that I could undertake in my own time and that's exactly what the Certificate in Residential Valuation offered me. There was no time pressure, which was great, and I could fit my online learning around my existing commitments.

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The certificate is delivered entirely online - how did you find it?

I started doing the course during the Covid-19 lockdowns and it was a huge benefit being able to easily dip in and out of the learning.

There is no practical element to the course, so you have to be comfortable putting theory into practice yourself, but I can say that I now feel confident carrying out valuation work. The next step is to get out and about and learn by doing.



What did you think of our online learning platform, Sava Learn?

It's interactive and the different videos were really useful learning tools. It's easy to track your progress and Sava's assessment system is equally simple to use, so if you're worried about navigating the systems, my advice is don't be.

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What are your plans now that you have achieved your certificate?

My plans are to do some further study on residential valuation and to widen my experience. I have joined the RICS Valuer Registration Scheme now and it's nice to be able to show clients that I know what I'm talking about.

Would you recommend the Certificate in Residential Valuation?

As long as you have a base understanding of residential property, I would absolutely recommend the course. It's a good bolt-on to your existing property qualifications and experience and opens doors to a new fee-earning service so you can offer variety to your clients.



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