

A SUCCESS STORY



When I left sixth form after my A levels I knew a 9-5 office job wasn't for me. I was interested in non-office-based options like construction and, after a little research, I came across an advert for a trainee building control surveyor and got the role. Soon after starting, I enrolled for an HNC in Construction.

The course increased my ambition and enthusiasm, and I became even more driven. Being able to apply what I was learning to my day-to-day duties as a trainee surveyor on site made my studies even more interesting. I was soon awarded LABC Bursary funding, which paid for my second year. The benefit wasn't just financial – having such a well-known organisation such as LABC see potential in me, and be willing to invest in my future, was hugely encouraging and one of the highlights of my career.

I've now graduated from my HNC Construction course and completed the first year of my Building Surveying degree at Sheffield Hallam. As part of the bursary scheme, I took part in the LABC Boot Camp training where I gained even more invaluable skills. It was great to get to know other trainees on the same path as I am, an indication that the industry is constantly growing and LABC is investing in new trainees. Thanks to LABC I'm now on my way to becoming a fully qualified building control surveyor.

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LABC is a membership organisation representing all local authority building control teams in England and Wales who work with industry and building professionals to ensure compliance with Building Regulations. We are a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting public sector expertise.

There are 3,000 surveyors and technical support staff working in local authority building control providing a consistent national service that is delivered at a local level.

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Is
BUILDING
CONTROL
the career
for you?

What's the job like?

Building control is the perfect mix of on-site and office-based work. In your role you'll be helping people who're involved in building work to understand and comply with their legal and technical responsibilities.

As a building control surveyor, you're involved in virtually all aspects of the construction process - from pre-commencement meetings to the final sign-off.

You'll be working with many different people, from technical experts and construction professionals through to householders looking to update, improve or even build their own home. No two days are the same!



As a building control professional, you're involved in projects ranging from minor domestic extensions and conversions right up to major commercial developments like the London Shard.

Your responsibilities can involve dealing with dangerous structures, demolition works and enforcement cases. You'll get to work with other agencies like the Fire Brigade to ensure buildings are safe and fit for purpose.

Your ability to develop and nurture client relationships and manage complex projects will be key, making your positive "can do" approach and great communication skills essential to your success in this role. You'll have good IT skills, be confident in writing and recording case notes and be able to work on your own initiative, and as part of a team.

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This is an exciting career. You'll learn about structural design, fire precautions, drainage, flood management, sustainability, reducing heat loss and energy consumption, acoustics, heating and ventilation, accessible design and security.

What do you get out of it?

If all that isn't enough already, working as part of a local authority building control team will help you to develop your practical, problem-solving and interpersonal skills, as well as your technical knowledge and expertise.

LABC works with all the local authority building control teams in England and Wales to raise standards and help our surveyors to provide the best possible service to the construction industry. We're passionate about building control and committed to investing in the development of existing staff and new entrants into the building industry.

LABC supports our teams with bursary funding, guidance and a range of courses.



What do you need to get in?



You'll ideally be educated to A-level standard, with Maths and English to Grade C at GCSE level. We also have many surveyors who have had previous careers as builders, designers or fire experts. Routes to professional qualification can start with an HNC in construction or a degree in surveying or construction and you can expect to achieve your full professional qualification as a Chartered Surveyor or Building Engineer within seven years - although you'll be a valuable member of the team from the start.

Think you've got what it takes?

If you're looking for building control trainee vacancies or work experience, have a look at www.labc.co.uk/careers. If you're a new trainee wishing to study towards a qualification in building control, the LABC Bursary Scheme could assist you financially with your studies.

Contact us to take that first step towards your rewarding career in building control today.

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