

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON SPECIAL ROUTE TO BE A REGISTERED QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Question 1 What are the requirements to be eligible to be a Registered QS with BQSM under the Special Route scheme ?

Answer

1. Possess a qualification related to Quantity Surveying recognized by BQSM.
2. Minimum 8 years working experience carrying out QS work, 2 years of which served as a **Registered Graduate QS** with BQSM.
3. Currently a **Registered Graduate QS** with BQSM

Question 2 When does this scheme start ? Does it has a time frame ?

Answer This scheme starts from 25 January 2010 and ends on 24 January 2013. You must fulfill all the requirements to be eligible to apply for registration under this scheme and submit your application form within this period.

Question 3 What are the qualifications recognized by BQSM ?

Answer The list of qualifications recognized by BQSM can be obtained from BQSM website. The website address is www.bqsm.gov.my.

Question 4 How to register as a **Registered Graduate QS** with BQSM ?

Answer Fill up BQSM Form A and submit to BQSM. The Form can be obtained from BQSM website. The website address is www.bqsm.gov.my.

Question 5 I have been working for more than 8 years as a QS but I have not registered as a Graduate QS with BQSM. Am I eligible to apply under this scheme ?

Answer Yes, you are eligible but you have to be a **Registered Graduate QS** with BQSM for at least 2 years.

Question 6 Do I have to go through the normal TPC conducted by ISM ?

Answer If you have worked and carried out QS related works for a minimum of 8 years, you do not have to go through the normal TPC procedures under this scheme. Under this scheme, you do not have to fill in a diary or log book, you are not required to prepare any Practical Tasks and you are not required to sit for the TPC test.

Question 7 Does the 8 years working experience starts from the day I work after obtaining a degree or a diploma in QS ?

Answer The minimum 8 years working experience starts from the day you work after obtaining a recognized degree.

Question 8 I have been working with a construction firm / developer since I graduated from university. Am I eligible to apply under this scheme ?

Answer Yes, as long as you have carried out QS related works for a minimum of 8 years and fulfill a minimum of 3 areas out of 6 areas listed in Attachment 1 of the Guideline on Special Route issued by BQSM.

Question 9 I had previously worked with a Government agency for a couple of years. I have resigned and now I'm working in the private sector. Am I eligible under this scheme ?

Answer Yes, as long as the total working experience carrying QS work is minimum 8 years.

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Question 10 I have been working for 6 years. If I apply to be a Registered Graduate QS with BQSM now, am I eligible under this scheme after 2 years ?

Answer

Yes, upon completion of 2 years being a Registered Graduate QS with BQSM.

Question 11 I had previously worked with a Government agency and I had sit for PTK examination. Do I have to sit for PP2 ?

Answer

Yes, you have to sit for ISM PP2 because your application now is categorized under QS working in the private sector.

Question 12 What are the requirements to sit for PP2 ?

Answer

You have to register as a Graduate Member of ISM. The form can be obtained from ISM website www.ism.org.my. Please take note that you must register at least 2 months prior to sitting for PP2.

Question 13 How frequent does ISM conduct PP2 ?

Answer

ISM conducts PP2 once a year. Under this scheme, ISM plans to conduct two additional PP2 beginning 2010 until 2012. The actual dates and venue for PP2 will be announced at ISM website.

Question 14 Where and when PP2 is conducted ?

Answer

At ISM sometime in May. Additional PP2 will tentatively be conducted sometime in January and September. Please check ISM website for announcements.

Question 15 Does ISM has any plans to conduct PP2 at ISM regional branches ?

Answer

Yes, provided that there is a minimum of 10 candidates under this scheme from a particular branch at any one time. Please liaise with ISM representatives at the respective branches.

Question 16 How long and what should I write in the Critical Analysis Report ?

Answer

The report should be in the region of 1,500 to 2,000 words. Write a report and make an analysis of your work experience on the projects and / or tasks that you have undertaken. Cover a minimum of 3 out of 6 areas listed in Attachment 1 of the Guideline on Special Route issued by BQSM. Make references to the problems you have faced during the course of the projects related to QS (eg contractual or financial issues) and how your team had resolved them.

Question 17 When should I submit my Critical Analysis Report ?

Answer

You should submit your Critical Analysis Report together with your application Form BQSM TPC 1/2009.

Question 18 Where should I submit the duly filled Form BQSM TPC 1/2009 and Critical Analysis Report ?

Answer

You can submit them to ISM HQ and upon compliance with all the requirements, we shall forward your application to BQSM.

Flowchart for QS's working in the private sector who intend to apply for registration with the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia via Special Route

Conditions to apply for registration with the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia via Special Route Scheme

- 1) Qualification recognised by BQSM
- 2) Minimum 8 years working experience carrying out QS work, 2 years of which served as a **Registered Graduate QS** with BQSM
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