JULIAN MERCER

QUANTITY SURVEYOR

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Quantity Surveyor with 7+ years managing cost plans, tenders, valuations, and final accounts on commercial and infrastructure projects. Protects budget with careful measurement and commercial judgement, and reports risk and change early to clients and project teams.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Quantity Surveyor Jan 2024 - Present
Turner & Townsend, London, UK

- Manage cost for a £68M commercial refurbishment, producing monthly cost reports and forecasts for the client and project director.
- Valued monthly interim applications for 18 contractors, verifying progress on site and certifying payments within contract timescales.
- Maintained a risk and contingency register with the project team, releasing £1.1M of unused allowance when risks closed out.
- Mentored two assistant surveyors through NEC and JCT contract training, helping both progress towards chartered status.

Quantity Surveyor Apr 2022 - Dec 2023

- Prepared tender documents and bills of quantities for 14 packages, analysing returns to recommend awards that came in 2.8% under budget.
- Assessed 120 variations and compensation events, agreeing about 90% before final account and avoiding two formal disputes.
- Reconciled monthly spend against forecast for a £22M workplace fit-out and reported variances to the client within five working days.

Quantity Surveyor Sep 2020 - Mar 2022
Arcadis, Leeds, UK

- Produced elemental cost plans and benchmarking for education and healthcare schemes between £8M and £30M at each design stage.
- Measured quantities from drawings and models using CostX, building estimates that stayed within 3% of tendered prices.
- Ran value-engineering workshops with architects and engineers, identifying savings of £1.4M with no loss of programme or performance.
- Prepared final account statements for five projects, closing each within six months of practical completion.

Assistant Quantity Surveyor Aug 2019 - Aug 2020
Gleeds, Manchester, UK

- Supported senior surveyors with take-offs, pricing schedules, and tender comparison reports across six commercial fit-out projects.
- Checked subcontractor valuations against site measurements, catching overstated progress that reduced payments by about £90K.
- Maintained cost trackers and variation logs, giving the project team a weekly view of exposure against contingency.
- Completed RICS Assessment of Professional Competence submissions on the way to chartered membership.

CORE SKILLS

Cost planning | Bills of quantities | Tender evaluation | Interim valuations | Final accounts | Variations and claims | NEC and JCT contracts | Risk and contingency | Value engineering | Cost reporting | CostX | Excel | Measurement | Procurement strategy

EDUCATION

B.Sc. in Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK

CERTIFICATIONS

Chartered Member of RICS (MRICS) | NEC4 Contract Management Accreditation | CSCS Professional Card