# From 10 years in finance to residential surveyor



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#### What made you consider a career in residential surveying?

I went into residential surveying because I've always had an interest in property. I wasn't sure how to get into the property industry. I did a lot of research about Sava and about the diploma and felt that a career in residential surveying through the Sava course was something I was really keen to do.

# What made you choose Sava as your pathway into the profession?

I knew that the quality of the course was going to be high because of the tutors that were going to be in place and just the human side of it...they were really accommodating to me all the way through the course - before, during and after.

Sava is the route to go if you're thinking of a career change and if you're thinking about getting into surveying. The course they provide is great.

#### What did you do before making this career change?

Before undertaking the Sava qualification, I worked in Financial Services for 10 years.

Unfortunately, it wasn't a career I was looking to pursue long term as my heart wasn't in it. I wanted to get into something I could enjoy on a daily basis.

The Sava diploma was a great way of getting into the industry. It was a lot of hard work but at the end of it, it's a great qualification to have and now I'm working as a residential surveyor at Novello Chartered Surveyors.



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## How did you find the quality of the Sava course?

I found the course very thorough and detailed. Every aspect of the course was covered really well by the experienced

If you're willing to work hard and put the hours in and you're really passionate about property and getting into the industry, it's definitely the right way to

# What kind of work do you carry out now you're qualified?

Now I'm a qualified surveyor through Sava, I do condition surveys, valuations and get involved in shadowing on other matters such as party wall works.

For my future, I hope to become a Chartered member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

# What advice would you give to others looking to pursue a career in residential surveying and valuation?

If you're thinking about studying for the Sava diploma, do as much research as you can into the course. Sava are really hospitable and will help you as much as they can to make a decision.

If you have a passion for property, people and being out and about as a day job, surveying is a great career for you and the Sava diploma is a fantastic course that will give you a fantastic avenue into the industry.

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