



LEMBAGA JURUUKUR BAHAN MALAYSIA
BOARD OF QUANTITY SURVEYORS MALAYSIA

GUIDELINES FOR ADVANCED ENTRY
INTO BQSM'S
ACCREDITED BACHELOR'S DEGREE
PROGRAMMES

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia (BQSM) recognises and accepts advanced entry schemes into accredited programmes. In maintaining standards and consistencies, qualifications obtained via advanced entry into BQSM's accredited bachelor's degree programmes shall be subjected to this Guideline (**BQSM's Guidelines for Advanced Entry into BQSM's Accredited Bachelor's Degree Programmes**), which is available at BQSM's website www.bqsm.gov.my or upon request.
- 1.2 Holders of accredited bachelor's degree qualifications obtained via advanced entry schemes are required to adhere strictly to all the terms and conditions in this Guideline in order to be eligible on graduation to apply for registration as a Provisionally Registered Quantity Surveyor with BQSM without any topping up requirements.

2.0 Entry Requirements

- 2.1 The minimum requirement for students with diploma qualifications to be eligible for advanced entry into a bachelor's degree in Quantity Surveying programme accredited by BQSM must have had achieved 60% overall marks or CGPA of 2.67 at the diploma level.
- 2.2 Holders of these qualifications must possess a credit in Mathematics in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia or other equivalent and approved qualifications. Higher Education Providers (HEPs) should also adhere to the entry requirements into their bachelor's degree programmes imposed by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) or other governing authorities.

3.0 Progression Routes and Duration of Study for Advanced Entry into the Bachelor's Degree Programmes

Progression routes and duration of study for advanced entry are based on the following minimum standards. These minimum standards are as stipulated in the Accreditation Manual for Quantity Surveying Programmes, Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia, August 2019; and *Kompilasi Dasar Jaminan Kualiti Pendidikan Tinggi, Edisi Kedua (2009-2017)*, Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

- i. Minimum total graduating credits for programmes:

Bachelor's Degree : 120 credits

Diploma : 90 credits

(Quantity Surveying courses should constitute a minimum of 80% of the overall total credits)

- ii. A maximum credit exemption of 30% of the total graduating credits for the bachelor's degree programme.
- iii. An academic session consisting of 2 normal semesters of 17 weeks each (inclusive of 14 weeks academic session, 2 weeks examination and 1 study week), and 1 short semester of 9 weeks; with a maximum of 43 weeks per academic year.
- iv. A minimum of 40 notional hours of Student Learning Time (SLT) per week (the recommended SLT varies according to student band and ranges between 40-55 hours per week and the average being 48 hours which becomes the mean for computing the maximum credit per semester).

- v. A maximum of 20 credits per semester for the normal semester and 10 credits for the short semester (based on SLT for 17 weeks and 9 weeks per normal and short semester respectively).
- vi. A minimum duration for industrial training for advanced entry students of 4 months.

3.1 Quantity Surveying diploma qualifications accredited by BQSM

The derivation for the minimum duration of study are based on the minimum standards as stated in section 3.0 of this Guideline. The computation for the minimum duration of study for advanced entry is demonstrated in the following example:

43 weeks per academic year (17 weeks +17 weeks +9 weeks)

No.	Items	Credits (example)
1.	Total credits of programme	120
2.	Maximum credit exemptions (30%)	36
3.	Minimum credits to take (total credits - credit transfer obtained)	84
4.	Maximum credits per academic year (2 normal semesters and 1 short semester)	50

Duration of study = 84 credits to take/50 credits per academic year.
Thus, the **minimum duration of study for advanced entry is 2 years.**

HEPs need to derive their duration of study for advanced entry students accordingly, based on the minimum standards and the recommended Student Learning Time provided in section 3.0 of this Guidelines, and total credits of the programme.

3.2 Quantity Surveying diploma qualifications not accredited by BQSM

Holders of Quantity Surveying diploma qualifications not accredited by BQSM must undergo the full duration of the programme in the bachelor's degree awarding HEPs.

3.3 Diploma qualifications other than Quantity Surveying

Holders of diploma qualifications in quantity surveying related programmes such as engineering, building, construction management, building services and architecture must undergo the full duration of the programme in the bachelor's degree awarding HEPs.