

Trainee Quantity Surveyor - Interview Prep Pack

Printable Cheat-Sheet

1. Core Messages

About Me:

Strong interest in Quantity Surveying; good with numbers, organisation, and problem solving; eager to learn and develop.

Why Quantity Surveying:

Combines finance, project management, and construction; I enjoy cost control and contributing to successful projects.

Why This Company:

Strong reputation, structured training, great development opportunities.

Key Skills:

Attention to detail, numeracy, organisation, teamwork, problem solving, communication.

Career Goals:

Progress to become a qualified Quantity Surveyor, take on responsibility, keep learning, and contribute to business success.

2. STAR Examples

Deadline Pressure:

Situation: University coursework

Task: Meet several deadlines

Action: Create schedule, prioritise tasks, stick to plan

Result: Completed on time, good grades

Teamwork:

Situation: Group project

Task: Prepare joint presentation

Action: Coordinate, support team, ensure deadlines met

Result: Delivered strong presentation

Problem Solving:

Situation: Spotted error in work

Task: Correct calculations

Action: Review carefully, inform supervisor

Result: Issue fixed early

3. Common Questions & Quick Points

Tell us about yourself

Background, skills, motivation, interest in Quantity Surveying

Why Quantity Surveying?

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Enjoy cost management, problem solving, contributing to projects

Why this company?

Reputation, training, career path, learning opportunities

Key skills?

Numeracy, detail, organisation, problem solving, communication

Time you worked in a team?

University group project example

Time you worked to a deadline?

University assignments example

Handling mistakes?

Review, confirm, report, correct

Disagree with colleague?

Discuss calmly, review data, escalate if needed

Future goals?

Become qualified, take responsibility, ongoing learning