Developing the 'All-round' Professional Surveyor

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SUMMARY

The proposed paper shall explore the concept of employability within the surveying profession. Further the paper will endeavour to link the concepts of Continuing Professional Development, Life-long Learning and Work Life Balance as a holistic approach to the personal and professional development of surveyors. It is understood that University graduates must operate within a professional context upon graduation, however, the concept of employability embraces far more than the attainment of a 'job' after graduation. The future performance and professional progression of graduates is indeed influenced by the degree curriculum, which in turn should be influenced by professional body and industrial input. These vital aspects are to be explained and explored, they shall also be linked to the issue of students engaging in life-long learning and CPD as part of normal professional practice. The advantages of adopting this approach for the individual, profession, employer, client and society are to be noted.

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