

The French Surveyors: the Evolution of Their Activities and Its Impact on Training

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ABSTRACT

The evolution of the surveying profession in France during the last 60 years can be characterized as follows:

- diversification of tasks, including a growing part which is not protected by the public service delegation, such as urban planning or land development
- managerial skills increasingly required
- difficulties to renew the surveyors population
- a European context, where lifelong training is encouraged, with free circulation of professionals

This context has led the Ordre des Geometres Experts to reconsider, in close cooperation with the French government, the conditions for accessing the profession. The Bac+5 (Master level) remains the level required with training in both technical and legal fields. This training is mainly provided in France by three engineering schools (ESGT, ESTP and INSA). Accessing the profession is also possible for any Master graduate, in law, human sciences, geomatics or engineering, under the provision of succeeding in additional training modules. The Master level can be reached by Bachelor level graduates, through a new procedure of experience validation, which is provided under the engineering schools' responsibility.

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