

RPSA and CABE – A Strategic Alignment

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At their Conference in Warwickshire today the RPSA announced that they are proposing a new Strategic Alignment with the Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE).

This alignment will allow both organisations to better support our combined surveying community with improved benefits and services.

It is envisaged that this strategic alignment, which once ratified later this year by each organisations Board, will see RPSA separate its current membership and commercial panel operations, with the membership becoming part of CABE at equivalent grades, and with members from the RPSA community joining the CABE Board and associated subcommittees including Membership and Professional Standards Committee (MPSC) and Technical Expert Panel (TEP).

This will provide enhanced benefits to individual surveyors, and enable the commercial panel services to develop as a separate company providing instruction for work to both RPSA and CABE members unencumbered by commercial conflicts and with improved investment, governance and oversight.

The expertise of our combined membership will allow us to establish a CABE specialist technical section for surveying providing additional support and recognition to members engaged in all forms of building surveying and ensure our members play a key part in the developing market for new build snagging inspections in the UK.

With it's strong voice in the surveying sector, RPSA has led a number of ground-breaking industry initiatives and brings a dynamic and innovative approach to the residential property world.

Having grown from just 300 members in 2020 to nearly 900 in 2023 the RPSA Council recognised that continued growth and development demanded the provision of enhanced governance, infrastructure and member services. Aligning with CABE, delivers those benefits in the most efficient and professional way.

What is means for RPSA Members

Once ratified, existing RPSA members will transfer to CABE at the equivalent level as determined by their membership, qualification and experience records currently held by the RPSA and will gain the additional recognition that being a member of a chartered professional body and a member of the Engineering Council entails. In due course, all members will be individually contacted to confirm the level of CABE membership being conveyed.

Members will benefit from subsidised membership fees during the 12-month transitional period and will continue to enjoy all the benefits currently afforded by the Association, including the RPSA Panel.

RPSA members will also receive the additional benefits that membership of a Chartered Association brings, including enhanced professional recognition, access to the CABE Community, online forum, Building Engineer journal, and a wealth CPD in the form of webinars, regional events, and training.

What it means for CABE Members

CABE Members, especially those that work as surveyors, will benefit from the establishment of the Association's first technical specialist section. The Specialist Surveying Section will allow CABE to provide enhanced support and specialist recognition for members working as surveyors which will encompass current RPSA benefits including technical surveying support documents, and the option to access the independent Panel Services portal to get instructions for survey work. These additional

resources reaffirm CABE's commitment to its surveyor members and provides everyday support for all CABE Members.

Speaking at the RPSA **Driving the Future** Conference, RPSA Chairman Alan Milstein said "we are delighted to announce the plans for this alignment. While we know that some may miss the "village" atmosphere that the RPSA has grown up with, we also appreciate that to continue to grow, and to appeal to a wider surveyor audience, demands a whole new level of professionalism, governance and provision of member services".

I'm looking forward to working with CABE during the transition phase and will continue to make sure that the combined organisation retains all the qualities that RPSA is known for in pioneering and setting demanding standards."

Our growth in the last few years has been nothing short of phenomenal. But now we have the opportunity to align ourselves to a respected chartered professional body that has the resources to open new doors and reveal new horizons"

We know you will have many questions so we have produced an FAQs document [HERE](#) to help you understand the implications and benefits of this exciting new alliance.

Note to editors

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Through its business exchange panel, the RPSA offers a range of survey products including Home Condition Surveys, Building Surveys and the unique Buy-To-Let Survey, all based on the same, comprehensive, inspection standard, and all delivering a report more targeted towards the nature and use of the property.

The RPSA panel delivers residential surveys to consumers through its national team of member surveyors, receiving instructions directly from consumers and from third party introducers, supported by bespoke survey software and a robust quality assurance programme.

The RPSA represents the interests of independent residential property surveyors at local, national and Government level and is involved in a range of activities focused on improving the house buying and selling process for consumers.

The RPSA is referenced by respected organisations such as [Which](#), [Money Advice Service](#) and [The Government How To Buy Guide](#)

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