ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS (RICS) ACCREDITATION

What is RICS accreditation?

- RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) is -
  - A high profile global standards and membership organisation for professionals involved in land, property (real estate), construction and environmental issues, based in the United Kingdom.
  - Has over 110,000 individual members in about 120 countries worldwide.
  - Has recognised The University of Auckland Business School is a provider of degree courses that meet the academic requirements for a Bachelor of Property (BProp) graduate to seek admission as a professional member.

Why is accreditation important for students in the Business School?

- RICS accreditation –
  - Indicates that as a graduate you have a high level of professional competence and a soundness in depth, breadth and quality of knowledge in the various elements of the property industry.
  - Allows you, while in the BProp programme, to be a RICS student member.
  - Means that, with a BProp from The University of Auckland, you are eligible to become a professional RICS member after completing the Assessment of Professional Competence programme during a two-year period of experience in the property profession.

What does accreditation mean?

- Accreditation –
  - Indicates that graduates who have the BProp qualification have reached a standard similar to that achieved in other accredited programmes in the United Kingdom and internationally.
  - Means that, as a BProp graduate, you have a portable qualification that has credibility within the profession and among employers internationally.

How does a business school achieve RICS accreditation?

- Accreditation is awarded following the detailed examination of –
  - Quality of academic staff qualifications, teaching and research
  - Content of courses required for a BProp
  - Student quality, admission requirements and performance standards
  - Student and alumni support services
  - Institutional infrastructure and resources