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# TESTING THE VIABILITY OF A MASTERS PROGRAMME IN QUANTITY SURVEYING USING MARKET RESEARCH

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### 5.0 INTRODUCTION

The quantity surveying body of knowledge in general is beset with the lowest levels of both development of newer knowledge and in research and development. This is because quantity surveying is seen by many to be a profession that emphasizes the application of vocational knowledge and skills in construction economics, the focus being to achieve economies in the procurement of new construction and in repair and maintenance works.

Traditionally, institutions of higher learning that offer quantity surveying programmes at certificate, diploma and/or bachelor degree levels are more concerned with getting accreditation and maintaining the same for their programmes by professional quantity surveying bodies<sup>52</sup>. This is because

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<sup>52</sup> In Malaysia the professional bodies concerned are the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia and the Institutions of Surveyors Malaysia.

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**CERTIFICATE IN QUANTITY SURVEYING  
PRACTICE: PROPOSAL FOR A COMMON  
QUALIFYING EXAMINATION FOR NON-  
ACCREDITED DEGREE HOLDERS<sup>53,54</sup>**

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**7.0 CONTEXT**

The idea of a common qualifying examination was initially proposed by the author to the former Chair<sup>55</sup> of the Quantity Surveying Accreditation Council (QSAC), Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia (BQSM). Subsequently, the current Chair<sup>56</sup> requested the author to submit a written proposal to QSAC.

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<sup>56</sup> Yg. Berusaha Sr. Tn Hj Basar Juraimi, Chair QSAC 2007-09