

Redefining the Profession of Land Surveying

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“Origin of the “Professions”

- Origins of the professions in religious orders;
- Generally recognised that divinity, law and medicine are the original professions;
- Vocations claiming professional status increased in the 19th century ;
- There are now many occupations that claim or seek professional status.

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Literature

- Literature on the professions abounds;
- There is a seminal work by Carr-Saunders and Wilson (1933);
- More recent writings are mostly about particular occupations, examining whether they meet the criteria for a profession;
- Many lists of criteria have been promoted.

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Criteria

- Integrity and trustworthiness;
- Education in specialised and complex matters;
- Standards of entry;
- A self-regulating professional body;
- Disciplinary protocols for the examination of complaints against breaches of standards;
- A code of ethics;
- Altruistic service to clients.

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Why do we need to know?

- In answering the greater question “do we need to redefine the profession?” we first need to establish its professional status;
- We need to know the elements to retain to ensure professional status is maintained;
- Then we need to re-define the “body of knowledge” that is required to be a professional surveyor.

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