Regulation and Accreditation of Surveying Professions - USA and UK - Challenges Going Forward

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SUMMARY

The surveying profession plays a crucial role in property boundary determination, land development, and infrastructure planning. Surveyors ensure the preservation and protection of land and property rights. This paper explores the educational, experience, and examination requirements for individuals aspiring to become licensed land surveyors. This is done with the aim to compare the current approaches to regulation and accreditation of surveying professions in the US and the UK.

This research is based on a review of legal regulations, guidelines of the professional bodies, and wider literature on professional regulations and accreditations.

The professional licensing, accreditation, and registration processes differ between the UK and the US. Within the US, they vary from state to state. However, they generally include common elements that are essential for ensuring the competence and professionalism of land surveyors.

It is expected that his paper will inform a discussion on the challenges for the land and property surveyors' market to ensure that they effectively support the public.