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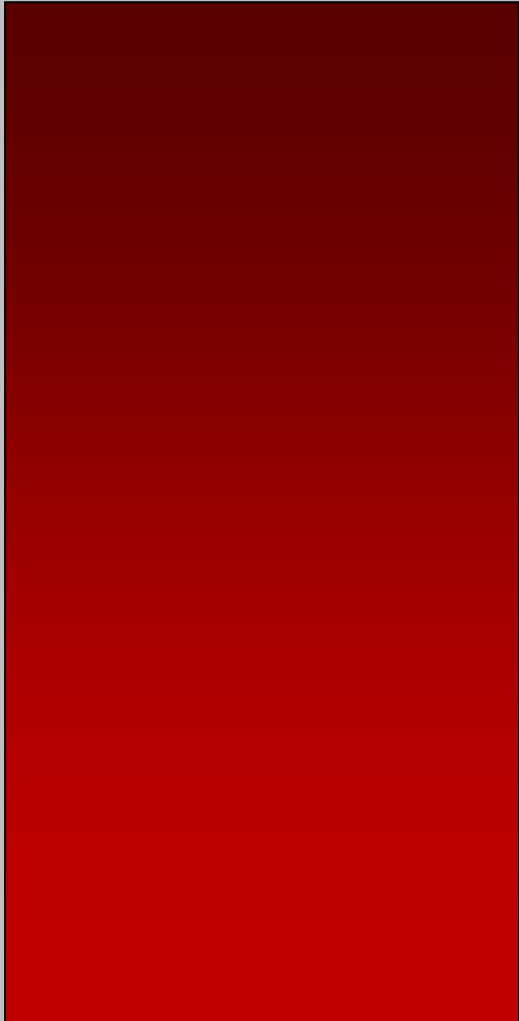
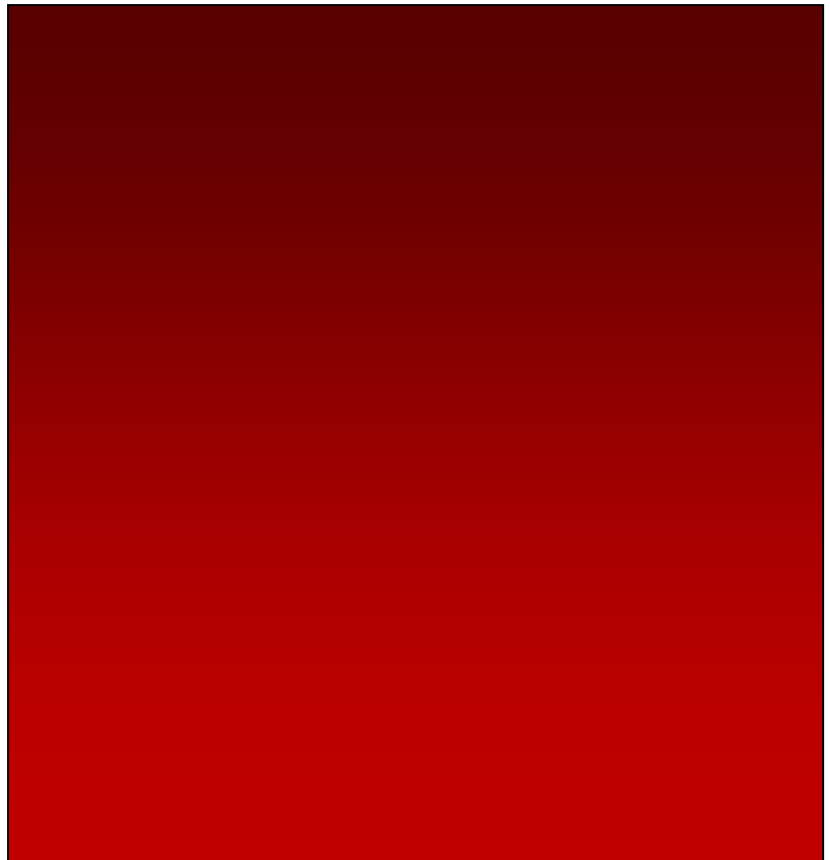
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**GOALS OF CSC**

Construction Specifications Canada is a multi-disciplinary non-profit association dedicated to the improvement of communication, contract documentation, and technical information in the Construction Industry. CSC is a national Association with Chapters in most major Canadian Cities.

To this end, CSC pursues the study of systems and procedures that will improve the coordination and dissemination of information relevant to the construction process.

We seek to enhance the quality of the design and management aspects of the construction activity through programs of publication, education, and professional development, believing that by so doing, we can contribute best to the efficiency and effectiveness of the construction industry as a whole.

**OBJECTIVES OF CSC**

To foster the interest of those who are engaged in or who are affected by the compilation or use any forms of specifications for the construction industry.

To publish literature pertaining to the construction industry.

To engage in activities to improve procedures and techniques related to the construction industry.

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## Announcements:

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## Chair's Message

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**Dylan Leclair, CSC Edmonton | Chapter Chair**

Greetings, CSC Edmonton Chapter,

As we move into the New Year, I would like to take the opportunity to discuss the importance of renewing our memberships. The CSC Edmonton Chapter exists purely with the support and involvement of you, our membership.

Personally, throughout my career, the offerings of CSC both locally and nationally have been one of the greatest assets at my disposal, ranging from our educational offerings including professional designations, to our industry networking events. The numerous contacts that have evolved into friendships over the last 6 years have really shown me how much people care about the success of others through mentoring as well as leading the construction industry to benefit everyone. All of this only happens when we are all involved and growing together.

So, with this in mind, I am happy to say that our 2025 Infonet plan is almost finalized with an exciting new networking structure to be announced in January with a 'save-the-date' coming in December. We are also on track to have our Principles of Construction Documentation (PCD) course start in January 2025. This course is the prerequisite to the Specifier, CCCA, and CTR courses.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays from my family and the CSC Edmonton Executive, and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Dylan Out.

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## Membership in CSC

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**Dave Lawrence**



In the construction industry's fast-paced environment, the need for and value of Construction Specifications Canada is greater than ever. CSC brings together individuals from all segments of the construction industry. All who have a vested interest in Canada's largest industry are invited to join CSC. When you join CSC, you become part of the only association that brings together professionals from all aspects of the construction industry.

### **DESIGN TEAM**

CSC offers members of the Design Team the opportunity to meet with other members and exchange information. It also affords you the chance to help improve technology and its management, and the means to improve ways in which your ideals are translated into clear, concise, and complete documentation.

### **BUILDING TEAM**

If you are a member of the Building Team, CSC offers you the opportunity to become involved in formulating specifications. Your valuable input into the programs can help generate time and cost savings, as well as improve performance.

## SUPPLY TEAM

The multi-disciplinary composition of CSC allows members of the Supply Team to meet with other members of the construction team. CSC programs in data filing and information retrieval are geared to present convenient and concise information on your products for proper evaluation and specification.

## THE STUDENT

If you are a student of architecture, engineering, or construction technology, CSC will provide you with a greater exposure to, and a better understanding of, the construction industry, giving you an excellent opportunity if you plan a career in the construction field.

## People and Places – Welcome to new and past CSC Edmonton Chapter Members! Fresh Faces (New Members)

None this month.

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## CSC Education:



Position Open

### Principles of Construction Documentation

The PCD course is an introductory course that will enable the student to have a better understanding of construction documentation (specifications, drawings, and schedules), products, bidding procedures, and contracts. **It is also a prerequisite to all the other CSC education courses.**

### Specifier 1

Specifier 1 is an intermediate level course that will take the individual beyond the concepts previously introduced in the PCD Course. Although some of the same topics are included, the depth of comprehension and explanation exceed that of the PCD course. The Specifier 1 is a prerequisite for the [Certified Specification](#)

Practitioner (CSP) designation from CSC. Successful completion of the course may be credited toward the experience component requirements for the Registered Specification Writer (RSW) designation.

### Technical Representative

The TR course provides a better understanding of contract documents and bidding procedures, product representation, professionalism, and ethics, and will provide a new depth of understanding and explanation of concepts beyond what was previously introduced in the PCD course. The course is designed for the individual involved in the supply section of the construction industry, such as manufacturer representatives, agents, or distributors of products. The student will have successfully completed the PCD course.

## EDUCATION COURSES

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### Upcoming Classes:

Principals of Construction Documentation (PCD) – TBD  
 Specifier – TBD  
 Construction Contract Administration (CCA) – TBD  
 Technical Representative (TR) – TBD

### Upcoming Classes Online:

Principles of Construction Documentation (PCD) – January 6, 2025 (14 weeks)  
 Construction Contract Administrator (CCA) – TBD  
 Specifier – TBD  
 Technical Representative (TR) – TBD

### Upcoming Virtual Classes:

Principles of Construction Documentation (PCD) – January 10, 2025 (5 weeks)  
 Construction Contract Administration (CCA) – November 22, 2024 (5 weeks) / March 7, 2025 (5 weeks)  
 Specifier (SP) – November 1, 2024 (7 weeks) / March 7, 2025 (7 weeks)  
 Technical Representative (TR) – November 1, 2024 (5 weeks) / March 7, 2025 (5 weeks)

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### Social Media:

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## Articles of Interest

### Skyscraper nicknamed 'Big Bend' set to be World's Longest Building at 4,000ft

Sourced from: <https://www.msn.com> / Tom Sanders

The 4,000ft 'Big Bend' aims to become the world's longest building (Picture: Oiio)



A bizarre U-shaped skyscraper nicknamed 'The Big Bend' could soon redefine New York's skyline – and become the longest building in the world.

The proposed 4000ft structure, conceived by the US architectural studio Oiio, aims to push architectural boundaries by using a loophole to circumnavigate New York's strict planning laws.

Rather than aiming skyward in a traditional vertical ascent, The Big Bend would arc in a giant upside-down U, stretching horizontally across the skyline and then looping back down. According to its designers, this curve sidesteps costly height restrictions, enabling them to 'overcome the limit of the skies'.

In New York, developers have long relied on purchasing 'air rights' – the vertical space above neighbouring buildings – to construct ever-taller structures. But with its U-shaped structure, Oiio's design breaks with tradition by capitalising on the available airspace without the added expense required to reach further heights.

This approach lets developers achieve new vertical dimensions on smaller plots of land, all while keeping construction costs relatively contained.

If built, The Big Bend would surpass Dubai's Burj Khalifa by an impressive 1,000 feet, even as it towers 200 feet higher than the One World Trade Center, currently the tallest building in New York City.

In another feat of engineering, the elevators are designed to travel along curved, horizontal paths, allowing them to move continuously within the building's arch.

Designer Ioannis Oikonomou said: 'There are many different ways that can make a building stand out, but in order to do so the building has to literally stand out.'

'If we manage to bend our structure instead of bending the zoning rules of New York we would be able to create one of the most prestigious buildings in Manhattan.'

'The Big Bend can become a modest architectural solution to the height limitations of Manhattan.'

Oiio echoed the desire to stand out, stating: 'There's an obsession that resides in Manhattan.'

'It is undeniable because it is made to be seen.'



The U-shaped building seeks to circumnavigate New York planning laws (Picture: Oiio)



But as with any ambitious architectural project, The Big Bend has not been without its critics. Some of New York's leading architects have expressed concerns about the city's growing collection of super-tall towers, citing fears of inequality and environmental impact.

Renowned architect Steven Holl described these skyscrapers as 'symbols of inequality,' while Liz Diller said the project symbolised New York's ongoing 'consumption by the dollar.'

Meanwhile, many residents are also concerned about the impact the building would have on Central Park, fearing it would cast unwanted shadows over the city's cherished green space.

Architectural Digest recently featured Oiio's concept with a headline warning that 'This Skyscraper Could Ruin New York's Skyline.'

Yet despite this pushback, the studio is targeting Manhattan's 'Billionaire's Row' near Central Park for the skyscraper, hoping the unique design will become a landmark in its own right.

## Construction Starts on World's Largest Building in Saudi Arabia

Sourced from: <https://www.dezeen.com> / Tom Ravenscroft



Construction has begun on the 400-metre-high, cube-shaped Mukaab supertall skyscraper in Riyadh designed by AtkinsRéalis, which will be the world's largest building when it completes.

Designed as the centrepiece of the 19-square-kilometre New Murabba development in northwest Riyadh, Mukaab is now officially under construction with excavations underway, according to its development company.

The developer, named New Murabba Development Company and funded by Saudi Arabia's central Public Investment Fund (PIF), said groundworks at the site are now 86% complete.

Designed by AtkinsRéalis, the Mukaab skyscraper will be cube-shaped with 400-metre-long edges. At 400 metres tall it will be a supertall skyscraper – a building over 300 metres in height – and become the tallest in the city.

It will also be the largest building ever built, with news site Bloomberg calling it the "largest built structure in the world". It will take the title of the world's current largest building from the Boeing Everett Factory in the USA.

Inside the cube will contain a giant, almost full-height atrium with a spiralling tower at its centre.

Surrounding the tower will be two million square metres of shops, cultural and tourist attractions.



The cube will be enclosed in a distinctive facade made of overlapping triangular forms referencing the modern Najdi architectural style.

When complete, Mukaab will sit at the centre of the New Murabba development, which is being created as a new downtown for Saudi Arabia's capital city.

According to its developers, New Murabba will contain over 100,000 homes, 980,000 square metres of shops, 1.4 million square metres of office space along with hotels, culture venues, a university, an immersive theatre and an "iconic" museum.

The project is planned to be completed by 2030 as part of the country's Vision 2030 strategy to diversify its economy, which is being funded by its Public Investment Fund.

It is one of 14 giga projects currently being developed in Saudi Arabia, with the best-known and most controversial being Neom.

## The Triple Bottom Line in Architecture: Developing Properties for People, Planet, and Profit

Sourced from: <https://www.archdaily.com> / Ankitha Gattupalli

Prioritizing people and the planet, when it comes to building construction and real estate development, is being seen as more than an ethical mandate - it is a highly profitable approach. Changing market demands, city ordinances, and regulations, and an emphasis on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors are all influencing what successful development in the 21st century stands for.

In Toronto, Canada, the ongoing Downsview Airport redevelopment project showcases this mindset in practice. While traditional development has generally focused on maximizing short-term returns, the Downsview project offers a holistic alternative that can invite significant long-term profits, all while addressing broader societal and environmental concerns.

The integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles is gaining prominence in real estate, shaping industry strategies and investor preferences. The Triple Bottom Line approach, focusing on people, the planet, and profit, provides a comprehensive framework for sustainable development. This article examines how projects like the Downsview Airport redevelopment exemplify this model, balancing environmental stewardship, social equity, and economic growth while addressing modern urban challenges and community needs.

### The Triple Bottom Line Approach

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) is the new buzzword across industries and has gained central importance in construction and real estate development. A 2021 report by PwC and the Urban Land Institute states that ESG factors are strong determinants of real estate strategies, driven by rising investor demand.



Tenants, whether residential or commercial, also seek properties that align with their values and will often pay a premium to obtain sustainable and socially responsible properties. Regulatory pressures add to the need, with stricter environmental and social regulations making ESG compliance a necessity.

The people, planet, and profit framework, also called the Triple Bottom Line, is a business model that measures the social, environmental, and financial impacts of a project. In the real estate sector, it sheds light on the need to consider the community's welfare and the environmental obligations of a business. This approach offers a pathway to financial success while ensuring that profitability does not come at the expense of social disadvantages.

### **Downsview Airport: A Model for Ethics-Led Development**

The Downsview Airport redevelopment project is a modern-day example of how the ESG and Triple Bottom Line approaches can be applied in real estate development. On the environmental side, the project dedicates a quarter of the site to parkland and integrates green infrastructure throughout. This strategy assures recreational spaces while solving for stormwater management and biodiversity preservation. An emphasis on walkability, cycling infrastructure, and public transit strives to reduce car dependency and associated carbon emissions.

From a social perspective, Downsview meets community needs by designating 10% of units as affordable and 40% designed for families. Their commitment to the "15-minute city" concept facilitates community cohesion and accessibility. Residents are ensured access to recreational and social amenities with community facilities, parks, and open spaces.

The project also acknowledges the merits of cultural integration, with plans to incorporate public art and spaces that reflect the area's diverse community and Indigenous heritage. Economically, the redevelopment hopes to create over 41,500 new jobs across different industries to support local economic growth and provide long-term value for investors.

Other decommissioned airports have given major metros new opportunities for city-making. Sakaki's redesign of Santa Monica's municipal airport suggests transforming the site into an expansive public space, offering an opportunity for urban rejuvenation. However, the plan has sparked debate among local stakeholders. Critics argue that the city is overlooking a rare chance to solve its affordable housing shortage in one of Los Angeles County's most desirable areas. While designing for the triple bottom line, cities face complex challenges in balancing ethical demands with financial resources.

### **Creating Self-Reinforcing Ecosystems**

Adapting to the present-day demands of environmentally-conscious initiatives, developers have utilized large-scale, mixed-use developments as opportunities to promote social well-being to tenants. Covering 370 acres, the Downsview redevelopment allows for economies of scale in both construction and infrastructure development. Its long-term nature, backed by a pension fund, boosts value appreciation over time as the area evolves into a desirable mixed-use community.

Another avenue for profitability is through its transit-oriented development, meeting heightened demands for accessibility and reducing car dependency. The Downsview project benefits from three existing subway stations, allowing it to command premium property values and embody trends around walkable neighborhoods.

The project builds a self-reinforcing ecosystem that generates multiple revenue streams by integrating residential, commercial, and recreational spaces. The plan includes 1.1 million square meters of employment space alongside residential and recreational areas, activating a 24/7 community that serves both residents and businesses. Focusing on spaces for innovative industries can attract high-value tenants and create a "clustering effect." The plans for Downsview also include

repurposing heritage buildings to nurture local talent and stimulate innovation, potentially leading to higher rental rates and property values over time.

Similar to Downsview, Hudson Yards, a mixed-use development in New York, also presents a case of large-scale urban projects that integrate commercial, residential, and public spaces through sustainable design principles. This shift encourages developers to focus on enduring value rather than immediate returns. Thriving developments will be those who effectively balance these factors.

As ESG considerations become central to construction and development decisions, advancements in green building technologies and new community engagement models will see innovation and adaptation across cultural contexts. Ultimately, this alignment between profitability, sustainability, and well-being presents new avenues for developers. Those who embrace this shift early are likely to see meaningful financial rewards while positively impacting communities and the environment.

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## **‘What’s Your Current Salary?’ Here’s How to Reply**

Sourced from: <https://www.fastcompany.com> / Featured

When you’re being interviewed, the last thing you want is to get a “panic question.” These questions can leave you spinning, unsure of how to answer. An uncomfortable silence, followed by a lackluster answer, can follow the dreaded, “What’s your current salary?” While honesty is a good rule to follow, divulging this information can put you at a disadvantage.

To navigate this tricky scenario, we’ve gathered insights from experts across various fields, including recruiters, HR professionals, and hiring managers. Their strategies can help you shift from feeling on the spot to becoming your own powerful advocate.

### **State Your Expectations Instead**

Don’t tell them what you currently make—tell them what you want to make. That’s really the crux of what they want anyway, so they can see if your expectations are a match for what they’re able and willing to offer. Do your research to confidently cite those industry standards and start negotiating in a fair pay range.

If they keep pressing you for your pay, explain that you don’t feel it’s relevant to the conversation and redirect to what matters: getting on the same page about pay.

### **Suggest a Range and Benefits**

The truth is that, regardless of the salary on offer, almost all employers want to hire staff with a small uplift on their current salary. Therefore, it has become very common to ask about the current salary. However, being truthful might limit your negotiating power later in the hiring process. You can handle this in a few ways.

One approach is to say, “I understand that the salary is in the range of X, and I am looking around this level.” Another option is to say, “Let’s park this for the moment, and instead, let me tell you about the value I can bring to your company.” But the best approach might be to say, “I’m very excited about this opportunity and focusing on roles within the salary range of X to Y. Can you confirm that the salary on offer is within these parameters?”

If they insist on knowing your current salary, you can politely respond, “I understand that money is important; however, until I find out more about the role and your organization, I’m not comfortable sharing my current salary at this stage.”

If you choose to disclose your salary, discuss the overall package if it fits within the parameters on offer. In the U.K., your P45 will disclose earnings without breaking down the total, including bonuses/commissions and basic salary, so you will not be lying. Also, talk about your current benefits that may not be offered in this opportunity, such as private health and stock options, as this may lead the interviewer to consider how they can compensate for these.

The key is to remain professional, polite, and confident while answering this question, focusing more on your skills, experience, qualifications, and the value you will add to their business.

### **Response Truthfully, Then Ask for Their Budget**

If you are in a part of the United States where that is still a legal question, the correct response is to tell them the truth and then follow up by asking, “And what is the salary range budgeted for the position?”

After hearing the answer, you can respond by saying either, “That would fit with what I am looking for,” or “What I would want to earn will depend upon the actual requirements of the position, my meeting with my future manager, the team, and getting a clearer idea of his/her/their expectations. All I know is what I’ve read in an ad or job description, and been told by the agency recruiter, or the person who referred me, which may or may not be accurate. Can we discuss what I would be looking for after that?”

Usually, they will try to pin you down to a desired salary to which you should reply, “For now, you can say I am looking for X (whatever amount is within the budget). However, I may be looking for more or be willing to accept less after my meetings with my manager and others and learn more. So, I am not committing to accepting an offer at that salary. I need to know more.”

That makes it clear you will not be cornered during your first interview by a screener who cannot assess your real value and only has the authority to reject you or pass you on to a real decision-maker.

### **Shift to Expectations for the Open Role**

When a candidate is asked for their current salary in a job interview, it can be a challenging moment, especially for those from underrepresented communities who often face significant pay equity gaps. Disclosing current compensation can unintentionally perpetuate these gaps, as employers may base their offers on your past earnings rather than the true market value of your skills and experience. This practice can exacerbate existing inequalities, locking individuals into a cycle of underpayment and undervaluation.

To navigate this situation smartly, it’s essential to shift the conversation away from past compensation and toward your expectations based on the role you’re applying for. One effective approach is to politely redirect the question by saying something like, “I’m looking for a compensation package that reflects the market rate for this role and aligns with the value I can bring to your company.” If pressed further, you can mention that your past salary doesn’t fully represent your current skill level or the value you bring to the table. This opens the door to discuss your qualifications and the market rate for the position, rather than being anchored to a potentially outdated or unfair salary.

For candidates who find themselves in situations where a company requires salary history as part of the application process, it’s important to handle this strategically. You might consider responding with a broad salary range rather than a specific number, emphasizing that your expectation is to be compensated fairly based on the responsibilities of the new role. Additionally, make it clear that you’re open to discussing compensation in greater detail once you’ve had the opportunity to fully understand the scope of the position.

The ultimate goal is to ensure that you are being compensated fairly and equitably, based on your skills, experience, and the value you bring, rather than on a history that may not accurately reflect your worth. Advocating for yourself in this way not only supports your personal career growth but also helps to challenge and change the systemic issues that contribute to pay inequity in the workplace.

### **Detail Total Compensation**

In many states, including Washington, employers are prohibited from asking applicants for their salary history. If salary history inquiries are allowed in your state, provide a detailed account of your total compensation, not just your base W-2 salary. This should include your base salary, any bonuses (monthly, quarterly, or annual), 401(k) employer contributions, flexible spending accounts, gym memberships, and other job-related perks.

Additionally, communicate to your prospective employer that you are looking for a position that represents a step up from your current role, so any job offer should include a meaningful increase in compensation.

### **Ask Questions to Establish a Baseline**

Pay transparency and managing expectations are constantly concerns for candidates and hiring managers. Having experienced both perspectives, I've learned that there is a respectful way to address this question without explicitly answering the interviewer. Although this question is legal under federal law, many states and local jurisdictions have enacted laws to prevent employers from seeking pay history.

A company should aim to provide pay based on the market and the skills and responsibilities of the candidate. In addition, different companies have different pay structures. Compensation packages may include base pay, bonuses, equity, commuter benefits, wellness stipends, 401(k) matches, and more. Using this information, you can decline to answer the question.

Here are two examples:

**Interviewer 1:** Can you share with me what you expect to be paid?

**Candidate 1:** It would be best if you could provide detailed information about how compensation is structured for employees in this particular role, taking into account the required level of experience and skills. Additionally, it would be helpful to know the salary range you are able to offer. With a clear understanding of the compensation structure and the available range, I can then determine if it would be suitable for me.

**Interviewer 2:** Can you share what you were previously paid?

**Candidate 2:** I am not comfortable sharing that information, as compensation can vary depending on the company's size, market, and the specific compensation package. Can you provide details on how this company compensates for this role, including the range offered, considering the required experience and skills?

It's common for interviewers to ask questions to establish a baseline. Some interviewers and recruiters can be persistent in seeking this information. It's important to have an idea of the acceptable salary range for the role and experience level in the current job market. If you encounter a situation where the interviewer is insistent on getting a specific number, you have two options. You can either provide a number slightly above the top percentile and observe their reaction, or you can choose to move on, as this could be a red flag.

Just remember, all companies are different; know your worth, be polite, and lean on them to offer a range.

## Respond Based on Career Level

While it might seem straightforward to disclose your current or past salary during an interview, doing so can inadvertently limit your negotiating power. The salary you earned in a previous role may not fully reflect your current market value or the responsibilities of the new position. By providing a direct answer, you risk anchoring the conversation to a figure that doesn't capture your true worth.

Instead, a more strategic response allows you to navigate the conversation toward a compensation package that aligns with the value you'll bring to the new role. For example:

If you're an entry-level candidate, try saying, "As I'm beginning my career, I'm focused on finding the right opportunity to grow. I'm sure we can agree on a fair salary based on the role's requirements and my potential."

If you're a midlevel candidate, say, "My previous compensation reflected my role at that time. I'd like to discuss how this new opportunity aligns with my skills and the value I can contribute."

Finally, if you're a senior-level candidate, reply with "My past salary was aligned with my previous responsibilities. For this opportunity, I believe it's important to focus on a package that reflects the strategic value I'll bring to this role."

This approach ensures that your compensation is based on the value you'll bring to the new role, rather than being anchored by your past earnings. It's about ensuring you're compensated fairly for the work you'll be doing, not just what you've done before.

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## ASSOCIATION LINKS

- **Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA)**  
[www.acsa-safety.org](http://www.acsa-safety.org)
- **Alberta Building Envelope Council (ABEC)**  
[www.abecnorth.org](http://www.abecnorth.org)
- **Building Information Modeling (BIM) Forum**  
[www.insightinfo.com/bimforum](http://www.insightinfo.com/bimforum)
- **Biomimicry Guild**  
[www.biomimicryguild.com](http://www.biomimicryguild.com)
- **Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC)** [www.cagbc.org](http://www.cagbc.org)
- **CCDC Documents**  
[www.ccdc.org/home.html](http://www.ccdc.org/home.html)
- **Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)** [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org)
- **International Construction Information Society (ICIS)** [www.icis.org](http://www.icis.org)
- **OmniClass**  
[www.omniclass.ca](http://www.omniclass.ca)  
[www.omniclass.org](http://www.omniclass.org)
- **Architecture 2030**  
[www.architecture2030.org](http://www.architecture2030.org)
- **BuildingSMART Alliance** (North American Chapter of BuildingSMART):  
[www.buildingsmartalliance.com](http://www.buildingsmartalliance.com)  
**BuildingSMART International (formerly IAI)**  
[www.buildingsmart.com](http://www.buildingsmart.com)
- **Biomimicry Institute**  
[www.biomimicryinstitute.org](http://www.biomimicryinstitute.org)
- **Canada BIM Council**  
[www.canbim.com](http://www.canbim.com)
- **Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC) – Alberta Chapter:**  
[www.cagbc/chapters/alberta](http://www.cagbc/chapters/alberta)
- **Construction Specifications Canada (CSC)**  
[www.csc-dcc.ca](http://www.csc-dcc.ca)
- **buildingSMART Data Dictionary**  
[bsdd.buildingsmart.org](http://bsdd.buildingsmart.org)
- **MasterFormat**  
(<https://secure.spex.ca/siteadmin/freedocuments/images/1.pdf>)



- **Unifomat**  
[www.csinet.org/unifomat](http://www.csinet.org/unifomat)
- **Institute for BIM in Canada (IBM)**  
[www.ibt-bim.ca](http://www.ibt-bim.ca)
- **buildingSMART Canada**  
[www.buildingsmartcanada.ca](http://www.buildingsmartcanada.ca)
- **Ace BIM**  
[www.acebim.ca](http://www.acebim.ca)

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Alberta Association of Architects (AAA)

<http://www.aaa.ab.ca/>

Alberta Painting Contractors Association (APCA)

[www.apca.ca](http://www.apca.ca)

Alberta Wall & Ceiling Association (AWCA)

<http://awca.ca>

Alberta Roofing Contractors Association (ARCA)

<http://www.arcaonline.ca>

[info@arcaonline.ca](mailto:info@arcaonline.ca)

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)

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The Canadian Wood Council (CWC)

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Portland Cement Association

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Interior Designers of Alberta

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Alberta Painting Contractors Association (APCA)

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