

Veco User Guides – Quick Forms

Introduction

The “Veco” system is designed to store a vast amount of information about contacts and properties. The principle being that a “Contact” is a person or company with whom you are doing business, and a “Property” is an individual building or unit within a block.

A contact could be an Applicant (Lettings or Sales); Owner (Landlord or Leaseholder or Vendor); Tenant, Supplier, or a related individual or company (Guarantor, Employer, Solicitor, etc).

A property could be managed (has a tenancy); available to let; for sale; available at an auction; or managed as a unit in a block.

Over time (maybe years), the nature of the business with a contact or property may change. For example, a contact could be an applicant looking to purchase a property and after purchase will become an owner. As the owner of the property the contact may wish you to let and subsequently manage the property on his/her behalf.

As you may appreciate, a large amount of valuable information will build up about each contact and each property - the “Veco” system is designed such that you may never need to delete any contact or property – and the full information is always immediately available from the main contact and property forms.

Although the main contact and property forms can be used to enter this vast amount of information from scratch, it is sometimes preferable to quickly enter the briefest of new details. This is why we have included a variety of “Quick” data entry options.

- Quick Lettings Applicant
- Quick Sales Applicant
- Quick Contact
- Quick Property
- Quick Owner & Property
- Quick Property Key Log
- Quick Estate Key Log

The above “Quick” options are available as nodes on the tree menu.

Quick Lettings Applicant

This option is used to quickly register a new contact that is looking for a property to rent.

The form is divided into two sections: “Search” and “Applicant Details”

The “Search” section is used to establish if the contact being registered has already been recorded in the “Veco” database because your company has had previous dealings with the person (in any capacity):

1. Enter the full applicant's surname and (optionally) their postcode
2. Click “Search”
3. The area below will show a list of existing contacts that match the surname and/or postcode
4. Establish if the contact is already recorded, and double-click the name for further details

If the contact does not already exist, use the “Applicant Details” section to enter new information about the contact:

5. If requested, enter the first part of a reference for the new applicant

6. Complete the name
7. Optionally, enter the applicant's address
8. Enter one or two methods of contacting the applicant (further contact methods can be added later)
9. Complete the form by specifying the type of property required
10. Click "Save"
11. Two new buttons will now be displayed allowing a list of "Suitable Properties" that match the applicant's requirement to be shown
12. If required at this stage, the full contact details form can be opened to allow the recording of further information

Quick Sales Applicant

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Search

Surname Postcode

Sales Applicant Details

Reference Applicant Type

Title Property Type

First Name Budget

Other Names Min Bedrooms

Surname Max Bedrooms

Communication Type 1

Communications 1

Communication Type 2

Communications 2

Registering Office

Responsibility Of

Notes

This option is used to quickly register a new contact that is looking to purchase a property.

The form is divided into two sections: "Search" and "Applicant Details"

The "Search" section is used to establish if the contact being registered has already been recorded in the "Veco" database because your company has had previous dealings with the person (in any capacity):

1. Enter the full applicant's surname and (optionally) their postcode
2. Click "Search"
3. The area below will show a list of existing contacts that match the surname and/or postcode
4. Establish if the contact is already recorded, and double-click the name for further details

If the contact does not already exist, use the "Applicant Details" section to enter new information about the contact:

5. If requested, enter the first part of a reference for the new applicant

6. Complete the name
7. Optionally, enter the applicant's address
8. Enter one or two methods of contacting the applicant (further contact methods can be added later)
9. Complete the form by specifying the type of property required
10. Click "Save"
11. Two new buttons will now be displayed allowing a list of "Suitable Properties" that match the applicant's requirement to be shown
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Quick Contact

This option is used to quickly register a new contact. This contact could be an applicant, owner, supplier, tenant, or any other person or company you deal with in any capacity/

The form is divided into two sections: “Search” and “Contact Details”

The “Search” section is used to establish if the contact being registered has already been recorded in the “Veco” database because your company has had previous dealings with the person (in any capacity):

1. Enter the full contact’s surname and (optionally) their postcode
2. Click “Search”
3. The area below will show a list of existing contacts that match the surname and/or postcode
4. Establish if the contact is already recorded, and double-click the name for further details
5. If the contact does not already exist, use the “Contact Details” section to enter new information about the contact:
6. If requested, enter the first part of a reference for the new contact
7. Complete the name

8. Optionally, enter the contact's address
9. Enter one or two methods of contacting the contact (further contact methods can be added later)
10. Choose a category of contact from the list, or do not tick any category if the contact should be marked as "General".
11. Click "Save"
12. If required at this stage, the full contact details form can be opened to allow the recording of further information

Quick Property

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Quick Property". At the top left is a home icon, and at the top right are standard window control buttons (minimize, maximize, close). The form contains the following elements:

- Reference:** A text box containing the alphanumeric string "5108E5409-82572D63".
- Address:** A button labeled "Address" positioned to the left of a large, empty rectangular text area.
- Category:** A list of three radio button options: "Auction" (which is selected), "Management", and "Sales".
- Managing Office:** A dropdown menu showing "Head Office" as the selected option.
- Buttons:** "Save" and "Cancel" buttons are located at the bottom right of the form.

This option is used to quickly register a new property.

1. If requested, enter the first part of the property reference
2. Click "Address"
3. Enter the property address or use the postcode search facility to establish if the property is already registered
4. Select a category for the property:
 - "Auction" if the property is to be entered into a property auction
 - "Management" if the property is to be offer for let or is currently being managed
 - "Sales" if the property is available for sale
5. Select a managing office. This is the office that will be managing the let, or sale.
6. Click "Save"
7. If required at this stage, the full contact details form can be opened to allow the recording of further information

Quick Owner & Property

The screenshot shows the 'Quick Owner & Property' application window. It features a standard Windows-style interface with a menu bar (File, Edit, Actions, Help) and a toolbar containing buttons for Save, Close, Undo, Redo, Print, Open Owner, Open Owner Group, and Open Property. The main workspace is divided into two primary sections: 'Owner Details' and 'Property Details'.
 The 'Owner Details' section contains input fields for Surname, Postcode, and Company, along with a 'Search' button. Below these is a large empty text area. To the right, there are fields for Reference (pre-filled with 'L5708E5409-BF837D9C'), Title, First Name, Surname, and Company Name. A button labeled 'Address' is positioned above a large empty text area. Further down are fields for Communication 1 and Communication 2, and a 'Category' dropdown menu with options: Landlord (selected), Vendor, and Leaseholder.
 The 'Property Details' section has an 'Address' input field and a 'Search' button, followed by a large empty text area. To the right, there are fields for Reference (pre-filled with 'L5708E5409-7D9770AF'), a button labeled 'Address' above another large empty text area, a 'Category' dropdown menu with options: Auction (selected), Management, and Sales, and a 'Managing Office' dropdown menu.

This option is used to quickly register a new Owner and Property, together with an Owner Group. This option should only be used if the owner and property have not been previously registered.

The form is divided into two sections: “Owner Details” and “Property Details”

The “Search” facility on each section is used to establish if the owner or the property has been previous registered

1. Enter the full owner’s surname and (optionally) their postcode
2. Click “Search”
3. The area below will show a list of existing contacts that match the surname and/or postcode
4. Establish if the contact is already recorded, and double-click the name for further details

5. If the owner does not already exist, enter the new details. This is only very brief information. Further information can be entered later on the full owner form.
6. Ensure a category of owner is selected:
 1. “Landlord” – the owner’s property is to be let or managed
 2. “Vendor” – the owner’s property is to be put on the market for sale
 3. “Leaseholder” – The owner’s property (normally an apartment) is part of an estate that is managed
7. Click “Save” or “Close”

Quick Property Key Log

The screenshot shows a 'Key Log' window with the following fields and controls:

- Property:** A dropdown menu.
- Date:** A date field containing '09/04/2008' and a dropdown arrow.
- Key:** A dropdown menu.
- Who Has Key:** A text input field.
- Booked Out By:** A dropdown menu containing 'Paul Chappell'.
- Returned:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Notes:** A large text area for entering notes.
- Buttons:** 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

This option is used to record a property's key being booked out to another agent or contractor.

1. Click "Property" and find the relevant property. Double-click from the list to select the correct property.
2. Select the type of key from the options
3. Specify the name of the person who has been given the key
4. Enter any notes
5. Click "Save"

Details of keys that have yet to be returned are shown on the "Key Log" node from the "Property/Units" option on the tree menu, or on the "Security" tab of the individual property details form.

To record that a key has been returned:

1. Double-click the relevant key from the "Key Log"
2. Tick "Returned"
3. Enter any notes as required
4. Click "Save"

Quick Estate Key Log

The screenshot shows a 'Key Log' window with the following fields and controls:

- Property:** A dropdown menu.
- Date:** A date field containing '09/04/2008' with a dropdown arrow.
- Key:** A dropdown menu.
- Who Has Key:** A text input field.
- Booked Out By:** A dropdown menu containing 'Paul Chappell'.
- Returned:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Notes:** A large text area for entering notes.
- Buttons:** 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right.

This option is used to record an estate's key being booked out to another agent or contractor.

6. Click "Estate" and find the relevant estate. Double-click from the list to select the correct estate.
7. Select the type of key from the options
8. Specify the name of the person who has been given the key
9. Enter any notes
10. Click "Save"

Details of keys that have yet to be returned are shown on the "Key Log" node from the "Estates" option on the tree menu, or on the "Security" tab of the individual estate details form.

To record that a key has been returned:

5. Double-click the relevant key from the "Key Log"
6. Tick "Returned"
7. Enter any notes as required
8. Click "Save"