Commensurate vs. Consummate

Another pair of words, whose meanings are related, are commensurate and consummate. Both these terms have to something to do with completion, which causes some people to get confused and even interchange them sometimes. This post will help you distinguish between the two and guide you in using them more accurately in your sentences.

The word commensurate is used as an adjective meaning "corresponding in size, extent, amount, or degree" or "equal in measure or extent."

The Anti-Intellectualization of America and Commensurate Candidates
HuffPost

Box CEO Levie: A.I. Will Create Commensurate Job Growth to Those it Replaces Barron's

"Still, the legislation would represent a significant shift away from policies that have devastated poor and minority communities without achieving a commensurate increase in public safety."

Los Angeles Times

On the other hand, the term consummate functions as an adjective which means "extremely skilled and accomplished," "of the highest degree," or "complete in every detail."

Jonathan Rhys Meyers: John Hurt was consummate professional despite illness BreakingNews.ie

In his 11th year, on a 10-day deal, Ramon Sessions remains the consummate pro Washington Post

Martin Selmayr, consummate politician in civil servant's clothing POLITICO

It may also function as a verb meaning "to finish or complete" or "to make perfect."

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Hafiz says his marriage to Siti Arifah was never consummated

The Star Online

Miranda Kerr covered up before consummating her marriage

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"The development consummates a vision for an idyllic community laid in the late 1960s, halfway realized through the early 1990s, but then long stalled, leaving traces such as the incomplete road in the woods — until now."

Baltimore Sun

After discussing the difference between commensurate and consummate, you should be able to incorporate them into your writing properly. Keep in mind that commensurate means equal in measure while consummate means accomplished or complete.