

Construction Contracts Masterclass

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— Workshop Overview

Construction projects are governed by complex contractual frameworks that define scope, risk allocation, cost, timelines, and legal responsibilities. Poor contract management is one of the leading causes of disputes, delays, and financial losses in the construction industry. This masterclass equips participants with a deep understanding of construction contract structures, claims management, dispute avoidance, and commercial control. It is designed to strengthen contractual awareness, improve project governance, and enable professionals to manage contracts proactively rather than reactively.

Why Attend

This course combines legal and commercial theory with practical, real-world construction case studies. Participants will analyze standard contract forms, review real claims scenarios, and participate in contract drafting and negotiation exercises. Workshops will focus on dispute resolution, variation management, and claim

Who Should Attend

Project Managers and Construction Managers
Contract and Commercial Managers
Site Engineers and Project Engineers
Quantity Surveyors and Cost Engineers
Legal Advisors and Claims Specialists
Consultants and Developers

— Learning Objectives

- Understand key principles of construction contracts and commercial frameworks
- Interpret standard forms of contracts (FIDIC, NEC, and others)
- Manage contract administration throughout the project lifecycle
- Identify and evaluate variations, claims, and change orders
- Reduce contractual risks and prevent disputes
- Apply effective contract negotiation strategies
- Understand delay analysis and entitlement principles
- Strengthen commercial decision-making in construction projects

— Course Outline

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Foundations of Construction Contracts

- Introduction to construction contract principles
- Contract lifecycle in construction projects
- Key contractual terms and definitions
- Roles and responsibilities of contracting parties
- Overview of standard forms (FIDIC, NEC, etc.)

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Contract Administration and Project Controls

- Contract documentation and management systems
- Instructions, notices, and correspondence management
- Progress monitoring and reporting obligations
- Payment mechanisms and certification processes
- Contract compliance and governance

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Variations, Claims, and Change Management

- Variations and change order management
- Claims types (delay, disruption, cost claims)
- Entitlement and contractual rights
- Claims preparation and substantiation
- Early warning and mitigation strategies

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Delay Analysis and Dispute Avoidance

- Introduction to delay analysis methods
- Critical path and forensic scheduling basics
- Common causes of disputes in construction
- Dispute avoidance strategies
- Negotiation and settlement techniques

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Dispute Resolution and Contract Strategy

- Arbitration, mediation, and litigation overview
- Contract risk allocation strategies
- Best practices in contract drafting
- Case studies from major construction disputes

- Final workshop: contract scenario simulation

— Upcoming Classroom Dates

DATE	LOCATION	FEE
5 - 9 October 2026	Amsterdam - Netherlands	€2,100
16 - 20 November 2026	Istanbul - Türkiye	€1,425
7 - 11 December 2026	London - United Kingdom	€2,125
21 - 25 December 2026	Barcelona - Spain	€1,925
18 - 22 January 2027	Istanbul - Türkiye	€1,425
15 - 19 February 2027	Amsterdam - Netherlands	€2,125
15 - 19 March 2027	Cape Town - South Africa	€1,420
19 - 23 April 2027	Barcelona - Spain	€1,925

— Certificate and Registration

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