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CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT | CM-050

Construction Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication

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Why Attend

Construction disputes consume time, money and relationships. Many could be avoided altogether through clear contracts, good records, early warning and constructive dialogue, and those that do arise are often best resolved quickly through adjudication or dispute boards rather than lengthy arbitration or litigation.

This Construction Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication training course explains how to prevent disputes and how to resolve them efficiently when they occur. Participants learn about common causes of construction disputes, contract administration practices that reduce conflict, early warning and change management, negotiation and mediation, dispute boards, and the adjudication process from referral to decision and enforcement.

Course Methodology

• The course uses case studies, sample notices and correspondence, and a simulated adjudication. Participants analyse the causes of disputes, draft notices, practise negotiation, prepare a referral and response, and observe how adjudicators reach decisions. Discussion compares resolution methods across jurisdictions.

Course Objectives

• Identify the common causes of construction disputes

• Apply contract administration practices that prevent disputes

• Use early warning, notices and change procedures effectively

• Maintain records that support fair and fast resolution

• Negotiate and mediate commercial disagreements constructively

• Explain the role and operation of dispute boards

Target Audience

• Commercial and contracts managers

• Quantity surveyors

• Project managers and project directors

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- Employer representatives and engineers

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Course outline

Detailed course outline

Day-by-day outline for Construction Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication.

Day 1 - Why Construction Disputes Arise

- 09:00-09:27 | The cost and impact of construction disputes
- 09:27-10:21 | Common causes: design change, delay, payment and defects
- 10:21-10:48 | Contract ambiguity and unclear risk allocation
- 10:48-11:00 | Behaviours and relationships that escalate conflict
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:45 | Behaviours and relationships that escalate conflict (continued)
- 11:45-12:12 | Trends in construction disputes internationally
- 12:12-13:06 | Early signs that a dispute is developing
- 13:06-14:00 | Exercise: analysing the causes of a case study dispute

Day 2 - Dispute Avoidance through Contract Administration

- 09:00-09:34 | Understanding notice and time bar provisions
- 09:34-10:08 | Early warning and risk reduction meetings
- 10:08-10:42 | Managing variations and compensation events promptly
- 10:42-11:00 | Payment applications, assessments and certification
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Payment applications, assessments and certification (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Keeping contemporary records and correspondence
- 12:20-12:53 | Collaborative working and partnering behaviours
- 12:53-14:00 | Workshop: drafting clear contractual notices

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Day 3 - Negotiation, Mediation and Dispute Boards

- 09:00-09:34 | Interest-based negotiation for commercial disputes
- 09:34-10:08 | Preparing a negotiation strategy and settlement range
- 10:08-10:42 | Mediation process and the mediator's role
- 10:42-11:00 | Standing and ad hoc dispute boards
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Standing and ad hoc dispute boards (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Dispute board site visits and informal opinions
- 12:20-12:53 | Settlement agreements and their wording
- 12:53-14:00 | Role play: negotiating a commercial settlement

Day 4 - Adjudication Process

- 09:00-09:34 | Statutory and contractual adjudication in overview
- 09:34-10:08 | Notice of adjudication and referral documents
- 10:08-10:42 | Appointment and jurisdiction of the adjudicator
- 10:42-11:00 | Preparing the response and supporting evidence
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Preparing the response and supporting evidence (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Timetables, meetings and further submissions
- 12:20-12:53 | Decisions, reasons and enforcement
- 12:53-14:00 | Simulation: preparing a referral and response

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Day 5 - Choosing Resolution Routes and Learning Lessons

- 09:00-09:39 | Comparing adjudication, arbitration and litigation
- 09:39-10:18 | Cost, time and confidentiality considerations
- 10:18-10:57 | Expert witnesses and their role in disputes
- 10:57-11:00 | Managing relationships during and after disputes
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:06 | Managing relationships during and after disputes (continued)
- 12:06-12:44 | Capturing lessons to avoid future disputes
- 12:44-13:22 | Dispute management policies for organisations
- 13:22-14:00 | Personal action plan for dispute avoidance

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Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

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Date	Location	Format	Fee
21 - 25 December 2026	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
7 - 11 December 2026	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
14 - 18 December 2026	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
25 - 29 January 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
4 - 8 January 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
11 - 15 January 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
18 - 22 January 2027	Dubai	Classroom	**€2,845**
1 - 5 February 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
8 - 12 February 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
15 - 19 February 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**

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22 - 26 February 2027	Geneva	Classroom	**€3,315**
8 - 12 March 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
15 - 19 March 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
22 - 26 March 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
1 - 5 March 2027	Istanbul	Classroom	**€2,825**
19 - 23 April 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
26 - 30 April 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
5 - 9 April 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
12 - 16 April 2027	Kuala lumpur	Classroom	**€2,425**
24 - 28 May 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**

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3 - 7 May 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
10 - 14 May 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
17 - 21 May 2027	Madrid	Classroom	**€3,400**
21 - 25 June 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
7 - 11 June 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
14 - 18 June 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
12 - 16 July 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
19 - 23 July 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
26 - 30 July 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
5 - 9 July 2027	Paris	Classroom	**€2,810**

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Date	Location	Format	Fee
16 - 20 August 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
23 - 27 August 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
2 - 6 August 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
9 - 13 August 2027	Rome	Classroom	**€2,830**
20 - 24 September 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
6 - 10 September 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
13 - 17 September 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
4 - 8 October 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
11 - 15 October 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
18 - 22 October 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**

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25 - 29 October 2027	Amsterdam	Classroom	**€3,215**
8 - 12 November 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
15 - 19 November 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
22 - 26 November 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
1 - 5 November 2027	Cape Town	Classroom	**€1,825**
20 - 24 December 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
27 - 31 December 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
6 - 10 December 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
13 - 17 December 2027	Dubai	Classroom	**€2,845**
21 - 25 December 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**

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7 - 11 December 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
14 - 18 December 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
25 - 29 January 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
4 - 8 January 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
11 - 15 January 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
18 - 22 January 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
1 - 5 February 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
8 - 12 February 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
15 - 19 February 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
22 - 26 February 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**

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22 - 26 March 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
1 - 5 March 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
19 - 23 April 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
26 - 30 April 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
5 - 9 April 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
12 - 16 April 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
24 - 28 May 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
3 - 7 May 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**

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17 - 21 May 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
21 - 25 June 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
7 - 11 June 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
14 - 18 June 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
12 - 16 July 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
19 - 23 July 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
26 - 30 July 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
5 - 9 July 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
16 - 20 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**

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23 - 27 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
2 - 6 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
9 - 13 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
20 - 24 September 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
6 - 10 September 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
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4 - 8 October 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
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