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Equipment Hire and Plant Rental Agreements

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Course content

Why Attend

Construction, industrial, energy, events and logistics operations depend heavily on hired equipment, from cranes and excavators to generators, access platforms and specialist tools. Hire agreements determine who is responsible for operation, maintenance, damage, loss, insurance and downtime, and misunderstandings about these terms often lead to unexpected costs and disputes.

This Equipment Hire and Plant Rental Agreements training course explains the commercial and contractual issues in hiring equipment. Participants learn about bare and operated hire, standard industry hire terms, hire periods and charges, delivery and off-hire procedures, maintenance and breakdown responsibilities, damage and loss liability, insurance, safety and operator competence, and how to manage hire fleets and costs.

Course Methodology

• The course uses sample hire agreements, hire schedules, damage reports and invoices. Participants review hire terms, resolve common disputes such as breakdown charges and damage claims, analyse hire spend data and develop a hire management procedure for their organisation.

Course Objectives

• Explain the types of equipment hire and rental arrangements

• Understand key terms in standard hire agreements

• Manage hire periods, rates, minimum charges and off-hire

• Allocate responsibility for maintenance and breakdowns

• Understand liability for damage, loss and third-party claims

• Arrange appropriate insurance for hired equipment

Target Audience

• Plant and equipment managers

• Procurement and contract managers

• Site and project managers

Course content

- Hire company sales and contract staff

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Course outline

Detailed course outline

Day-by-day outline for Equipment Hire and Plant Rental Agreements.

Day 1 - Equipment Hire Fundamentals

- 09:00-09:34 | Why organisations hire rather than buy equipment
- 09:34-10:08 | Bare hire, operated hire and contract lift arrangements
- 10:08-10:42 | Short-term, long-term and rent-to-own options
- 10:42-11:00 | Standard industry hire conditions in overview
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Standard industry hire conditions in overview (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Roles of hirer, owner and operator
- 12:20-12:53 | Common sources of hire disputes
- 12:53-14:00 | Exercise: comparing hire options for a project

Day 2 - Hire Terms and Charges

- 09:00-09:34 | Hire periods, minimum hire and weekend charges
- 09:34-10:08 | Rates, fuel, transport and ancillary charges
- 10:08-10:42 | Delivery, inspection and acceptance on arrival
- 10:42-11:00 | Off-hire procedures and confirmation numbers
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Off-hire procedures and confirmation numbers (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Idle time, standby and stand-down charges
- 12:20-12:53 | Reviewing and checking hire invoices
- 12:53-14:00 | Workshop: reviewing a hire agreement and invoice

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Day 3 - Maintenance, Breakdown and Damage

- 09:00-09:34 | Maintenance responsibilities under different hire types
- 09:34-10:08 | Reporting breakdowns and hire charge relief
- 10:08-10:42 | Damage caused by misuse compared with wear and tear
- 10:42-11:00 | Liability for loss and theft of equipment
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Liability for loss and theft of equipment (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Damage waivers and their limitations
- 12:20-12:53 | Recording condition at delivery and return
- 12:53-14:00 | Exercise: resolving a breakdown and damage dispute

Day 4 - Insurance, Safety and Operators

- 09:00-09:34 | Insurance for hired-in plant and equipment
- 09:34-10:08 | Third-party liability for equipment operations
- 10:08-10:42 | Operator competence, licensing and training
- 10:42-11:00 | Safe use, inspections and statutory checks
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Safe use, inspections and statutory checks (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Lifting operations with hired cranes
- 12:20-12:53 | Accidents involving hired equipment
- 12:53-14:00 | Case study: liability after a crane incident

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Day 5 - Managing Hire Fleets and Costs

- 09:00-09:34 | Centralised hire desks and approved suppliers
- 09:34-10:08 | Framework agreements for equipment hire
- 10:08-10:42 | Tracking equipment on site and utilisation
- 10:42-11:00 | Reducing idle hire and unnecessary charges
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Reducing idle hire and unnecessary charges (continued)
- 11:46-12:20 | Hire company perspective on fair terms
- 12:20-13:27 | Building a hire management procedure
- 13:27-14:00 | Personal action plan for equipment hire management

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Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

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Date	Location	Format	Fee
7 - 11 December 2026	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
14 - 18 December 2026	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
21 - 25 December 2026	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
18 - 22 January 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
25 - 29 January 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
4 - 8 January 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
11 - 15 January 2027	Amsterdam	Classroom	**€3,215**
22 - 26 February 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
1 - 5 February 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
8 - 12 February 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**

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15 - 19 February 2027	Cape Town	Classroom	**€1,825**
1 - 5 March 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
8 - 12 March 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
15 - 19 March 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
22 - 26 March 2027	Dubai	Classroom	**€2,845**
12 - 16 April 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
19 - 23 April 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
26 - 30 April 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
5 - 9 April 2027	Geneva	Classroom	**€3,315**
17 - 21 May 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**

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24 - 28 May 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
3 - 7 May 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
10 - 14 May 2027	Istanbul	Classroom	**€2,825**
7 - 11 June 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
14 - 18 June 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
21 - 25 June 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
5 - 9 July 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
12 - 16 July 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
19 - 23 July 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
26 - 30 July 2027	Madrid	Classroom	**€3,400**

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9 - 13 August 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
16 - 20 August 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
23 - 27 August 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
2 - 6 August 2027	Munich	Classroom	**€2,425**
6 - 10 September 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
13 - 17 September 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
20 - 24 September 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
25 - 29 October 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
4 - 8 October 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
11 - 15 October 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**

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18 - 22 October 2027	Rome	Classroom	**€2,830**
1 - 5 November 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
8 - 12 November 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
15 - 19 November 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
22 - 26 November 2027	Vienna	Classroom	**€3,425**
13 - 17 December 2027	London	Classroom	**€2,915**
20 - 24 December 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	**€2,275**
27 - 31 December 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	**€2,175**
6 - 10 December 2027	Amsterdam	Classroom	**€3,215**
7 - 11 December 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**

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14 - 18 December 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
21 - 25 December 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
18 - 22 January 2027	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**
22 - 26 February 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**

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1 - 5 March 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
8 - 12 March 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
15 - 19 March 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
22 - 26 March 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
12 - 16 April 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**
17 - 21 May 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
24 - 28 May 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**

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3 - 7 May 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
10 - 14 May 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**
21 - 25 June 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
5 - 9 July 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**
9 - 13 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**

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16 - 20 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
23 - 27 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
2 - 6 August 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
6 - 10 September 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
13 - 17 September 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
20 - 24 September 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
25 - 29 October 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
4 - 8 October 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
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15 - 19 November 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
22 - 26 November 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
13 - 17 December 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
20 - 24 December 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
27 - 31 December 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**
6 - 10 December 2027	Online / Live	Online / Live	**€1,625**