

DIPLOMA CENTRE

Diploma in Construction Law



MODULE 1: INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION LAW

SESSION 1	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 12 October 2024	9.45am – 11:15am	Onsite & Online
Course Introduction: Geraldine Rafferty, Barrister, Diploma Centre, Course Leader		

- 1 **What is Construction Law?** Private law (law of obligations) & Public law (regulatory and procedural law)

SESSION 1 (cont.)	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 12 October 2024	11:30am – 1:00pm	Onsite & Online
<i>For Lawyers: Introduction to the Construction Process</i>		<i>For Construction Professionals: Introduction to Contract Law & Tort</i>

2. **Introduction to the Construction Process:** Understanding the life cycle of a Construction project from initial conception of project to ultimate demolition.

Contract law: How construction contracts differ from other contracts; relevant principles of contract law (formation, terms, breach, termination, privity)

- 3 **Who will be involved?** The Design and Construction Team – The Employer, the Building Contractor, the architect, the engineers, the quantity surveyor/cost consultant, the project manager, the project supervisor for the design phase, and the project supervisor for the construction phase

2.5hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 2	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 12 October 2024	1:30pm – 3:30pm	Onsite & Online
<i>For Lawyers: Introduction to the Construction Process</i>		<i>For Construction Professionals: Introduction to Contract Law & Tort</i>

- 1 **Construction Law from the Construction professional's perspective** **Law of tort:** An introduction to the Law of Tort, negligence and other torts relating to construction

- 2 **Contracting in Construction – Current Trends**

2 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 3	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 16 October 2024	6pm – 8:00pm	Online

- 1 **An overview of public procurement law;** The Public Procurement Directive (2014/24/EU): general overview of this Directive and implementing Irish Regulations; differences between public and private procurement. Rules on utilities, concessions plus Irish public procurement guidelines.

- 2 **Focus on the procurement of works contracts:** Structure, thresholds, requirement to advertise, contract notices etc., time-limits, overview of different procedures i.e., open; restricted; competitive dialogue; competitive negotiated and innovation partnership, award criteria, standard form contracts and useful hints.

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MODULE 2: CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT (THE TENDERING PROCESS)

SESSION 4	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 23 October 2024	6pm – 9:00pm	Online
<p>1 Project procurement and Standard form contracts: Various types of standard form contract including new and emerging options; the pros and cons of each e.g., employer design, contractors design and build, building contracts, engineering contracts, public private partnership contracts, partnering contracts, joint ventures, letter of intent and sub-contracts.</p> <p>2 Allocation of risk as between the employer and the contractor: identifying the unique risks involved in a construction project; an overview of allocating liability in respect of those risks as between the parties.</p>		
3hrs. Gen. CPD		

SESSION 5	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 6 November 2024 October 2024	6pm – 8:00pm	Online
<p>1 Evaluation, documentation and communication: How to approach ITTs/RFPs/ITPDs etc, key aspects of evaluation criteria, how to engage with the contracting authority, clarifications and debriefing, focus on practical tips.</p> <p>2 Remedies available to unsuccessful candidates: Implication of the Remedies Directives and implementing Regulations, applicable Court rules, prompt actions, possibility of a complaint to the European Commission/other agencies. Contracts not covered by the EU regime, general judicial review procedures, overall litigation strategy.</p>		
2hrs. Gen. CPD		

MODULE 3: REGULATION

SESSION 6	ONLINE RELEASE	DELIVERY
Wednesday 13 November 2024		Online Release
<p>1 The Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014: Building control regulations/BCAR compliance, Recent Developments, and key issues.</p> <p>2 Health & Safety: Health and Safety: a review of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and other key health and safety legislation in Irish construction; covering statutory appointments, Safety Statements, Risk Assessments, obligations regarding design and construction, key concepts and other considerations.</p>		
2hrs. Gen. CPD		

MODULE 4: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

SESSION 7	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 13 November 2024	6pm – 8:30pm	Online
<p>1 Responsibility for design in construction contracts: Allocation to the employer or contractor. Consequences of allocation: cost of construction, time, and operation of works. Degrees of design responsibility: fitness for purpose and reasonable skill and care. Employer's responsibility for amending errors in its own design and consequences. Contractor taking responsibility for design undertaken by the employer. Novation of design consultants.</p>		

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Lump sum and quantities contracts: Bills of quantities and their elements: item descriptions, quantities and rates. Methods of measurement. Provisional and prime cost sums. Treatment of quantities in the public works forms (guidance), RIAI blue and yellow forms [FIDIC 2nd, NEC4]. Use of quantities and other methods (milestone schedules) for interim valuation. Using priced rates to value change (introduction).

2.5hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 8	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 20 November 2024	6pm – 8:00pm	Online
<p>1 Supply chain: Subcontracting. Contractor's responsibility for subcontractor work. Forms of employer control over subcontracting. Domestic and nominated subcontractors. Prime cost sums. Reserved sums and named specialists under public works contracts. Subcontractor design and responsibility. Consequences of nominated subcontractor insolvency or other termination.</p> <p>2 Insurance and accidents: Typical construction insurances. Insurance of the works and ancillary items. Typical exclusions. Link to risks typically retained by the employer. Treatment of proceeds. Lender sole loss payee clauses. Responsibility for damage to other property and injury to workers and others: indemnities and insurance coverage. Professional indemnity. Owner controlled insurance.</p>		

2hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 09	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 23 November 2024	10:00am – 1:00pm	Onsite Only
<p>1 Workshop 1: Project procurement, standard form contracts and Health & Safety and Building Control Legislation</p>		
2 hrs. Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD		
		DELIVERY
		Online Release
<p>2 Change: Right to instruct changes. Obligation to instruct changes. Consequences. Contract processes. Omissions.</p> <p>3 Time and completion: Meaning of completion. Certifying completion. Sectional completion and milestone dates. Extending time. The prevention principle. Liquidated damages. Defects period and retention. Contractor delay cost</p>		

2 hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 10	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 27 November 2024	6pm – 9:00pm	Online
<p>1 Claims for more money and time: Contract processes: public works contracts, RIAI, FIDIC, NEC. Notice bars and early warning. The role of the certifier.</p> <p>2 Security and overall liability: Bonds. Types of bonds. Collateral warranties. Payment security for the contractor. Types of liability limits.</p> <p>3 Termination and suspension: Termination at common law and under contractual provisions. Statutory suspension. Default termination. Termination at will. Omissions.</p>		

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SESSION 11	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 4 December 2024	6pm – 8pm	Online

- 1 Ordinary certification and payment:** Payment provisions of the Construction Contracts Act 2013. Interim and final payments. Methods of valuing interim payment. Certification. The role of the certifier. Retention. Set-off.
- 3 Other commercial risks:** Unexpected conditions and obstructions in the ground and existing buildings. Erroneous site investigation reports and other information provided by the employer. Weather. Strikes. Protesters and trespassers. Interference from other contractors. Statutory consents. Material and labour cost increases and shortages. Change of law.

2.hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 12	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 15 January 2024	6pm – 9:00pm	Online

- 1 Information:** Intellectual property. Information modelling (BIM).
- 2 Collaboration:** Attempts to move from conflict to collaboration in construction contracting. Single-project collaboration approaches. Payment models and risk sharing. Early contractor involvement and two-stage contracting. Multi-project collaboration (alliancing).
- 3 Consultant appointments and designer duties:** professional appointments, architect, engineer, monitoring surveyor, project manager etc.

3hrs. Gen. CPD

SESSION 13	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 18 January 2024	10am – 1pm	Onsite Only

- 1 Workshop 2:** Contractual Claims and Dispute Resolution

2 hrs. Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD

MODULE 5: CONSTRUCTION DISPUTE RESOLUTION

SESSION 14	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 22 January 2024	6pm – 9:00pm	Online

- 1 Multi Party Construction Litigation;** Claims Management, strategic and practical considerations for the plaintiff.
- 2 Damages in Construction Litigation;** Apportionment of Damages in Multi-party Litigation / Arbitration; *Recoverability of Damages for Loss of Opportunity/Profits/Diversion of Resources*
- 3 Professional Negligence in Construction**

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SESSION 15	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 29 January 2024 1 Conciliation in Construction Law 2 An introduction to Arbitration: Legislative framework: pre and post-Arbitration Act, 2010; Arbitration in context –its advantages; case law.	6pm – 9:00pm	Online
3 Mediation in Construction Law TBC 3hrs. Gen. CPD		DELIVERY ONLINE RELEASE
SESSION 16	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 05 February 2024 1 Practice and Procedure Part 1: pre-hearing, the hearing, evidence, witnesses 2 Practice and Procedure Part 2: the role of the arbitrator, the award, costs, interest, enforceability	6pm – 8pm	Online
2 hrs. Gen. CPD		
SESSION 17	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 12 February 2024 1 Dispute resolution through adjudication Part 1: an overview of the adjudication process; an international perspective on adjudication; particular issues that are likely to arise in Ireland under constitutional law. 2 Dispute resolution through adjudication Part 2: Statutory adjudication – the Construction Contracts Act, a review of the specific provisions in the Act / Code of Practice 2013.	6pm – 8 pm	Online
2 hrs. Gen. CPD		
SESSION 18	TIME	DELIVERY
Saturday 1 March 2024 1 Workshop 3: Adjudication and Conciliation	9:30am – 12:30pm	Onsite Only
2 hrs Gen. CPD & 1 hr M&PD		
SESSION 19	TIME	DELIVERY
Wednesday 05 March 2024 1 Workshop 4: Exam Prep Workshop	6pm – 8:30pm	Online Only
1hrs Gen. CPD & 1.5hr M&PD		

EXAM DATE: 12 April 2025

Please note that topics & dates may be subject to change. Draft timetable as of April 2024

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