

# Introduction to the NEC4 Contracts for Public Sector Practitioners

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Essential event for public sector practitioners

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## Training to meet your needs

This event has been developed to support public sector practitioners develop a practical understanding of the NEC4 Suite of Contracts. The NEC4 contracts have become the contract of choice for many procurers of construction and maintenance works, and it is critical that practitioners understand the key provisions in the contract, as well as accompanying guidance.

NEC4 is designed to streamline the processes and improve contract administration and thereby mitigate problems and reduce risk. They provide mechanisms for the parties to work collaboratively and are designed to contribute to the effectiveness of the management of the work and understanding between the two parties. Attend this event to get up to speed and gain a better practical understanding of the underlying principles behind NEC4, as well as develop a working checklist to use clauses appropriately.

## Who should attend this training?

This event will be of interest to everyone (project managers, procurement, legal, estates, highways) who want to develop a better understanding of NEC4 suite of contracts; how to administer these contracts effectively, avoid costly and time-consuming disputes and manage issues that arise. Delegates will also gain an understanding of the fundamentals of contract law, understand the likely perils of amending contracts and by the end of the day go away with a practical awareness of the main provisions of the NEC4 Contracts.

## Learning Outcomes

The event will help you understand:

- What contracts are available within the NEC4 suite.
- How NEC4 contracts can be used by public sector organisations.
- Understand how you can make the best use of NEC4 contracts.
- Importance of clear communication between client, lawyers and procurement teams.
- Explanation of the roles and responsibilities of key parties under the NEC4 contracts.
- Take part in discussions whether amendments and supplemental drafting is necessary to address project specific matters, as well as issues of interpretation.
- Groundworks and the Procurement Act 2023 Permitted modifications provisions.

We actively encourage participation throughout the event, and the timetable is flexible to adapt to specific needs as they arise during the day.

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## Training

	<b>Agenda</b>
9:30	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Day</b>
	<b>Background to the NEC4 Suite of Contracts</b> This session will provide delegates with an introduction to NEC4 contract terms and background: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ History &amp; underlying principles of the NEC4 contract</li><li>▪ The NEC4 suite of contracts</li><li>▪ Migration from NEC3 to NEC4 and beyond – time-period</li><li>▪ Role of NEC4 contracts in the public sector</li><li>▪ Key terminology</li><li>▪ Accommodating statutory requirements – eg FoI, CDM, Bribery Act etc.</li></ul>
	<b>Comfort Break</b>
	<b>NEC4 Core Clauses</b> This session will offer delegates a practical explanation of the core clauses, main and secondary options of the NEC4 suite of contracts which are applicable in every contract. It will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Selecting the appropriate Main Option A - F</li><li>▪ Dispute resolution option</li><li>▪ Secondary options</li><li>▪ Inclusion of optional (Z clauses) and bespoke amendments</li><li>▪ Scope and site information</li><li>▪ Contractor's main obligations</li><li>▪ Groundworks and Procurement Act 2023 Modifications</li></ul>
	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Essential Key Provisions</b> This session will provide further details on the NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract, as well as key clauses that will facilitate a better understanding when using the contract and enable informed amendments to be made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Contractor's main obligations</li><li>▪ Who has design responsibility?</li><li>▪ Schedule of cost components</li><li>▪ Contractor's obligations in relation to time and early warning provisions</li><li>▪ Accepted programme</li><li>▪ Process for completion</li><li>▪ Compensation events</li><li>▪ Dealing with bonds and guarantees</li><li>▪ Understanding fundamental risk and insurance issues</li><li>▪ Termination rights</li><li>▪ Collateral warranties/ Third party rights</li><li>▪ Tiered dispute resolution</li><li>▪ Amendment policy – keeping things simple</li></ul>
	<b>Case Studies and Questions</b> The NEC4 contracts are viewed as an effective project management tool. The final session will cover practical issues and include opportunities for a Q/A session.
15.15	<b>Discussion, questions &amp; close</b>

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