
NEC4 Training Course: Engineering and Construction Contract

Trainer:
Charles Edwards

MSt (Cantab) MSc (Lond) MRICS MCI Arb FCIInstCES Barrister





Introduction

This practical one-day training course on NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC) provides a comprehensive overview of the NEC4 contract. It is designed to help construction professionals understand how the contract works in practice—from contract strategy and roles, to payment, disallowed costs, programme management, early warnings, compensation events and dispute resolution.

Our NEC Training Courses are suitable for:

- Contractors
- Commercial Managers
- Quantity Surveyors
- Contract Managers
- Claims Consultants
- Client's Representatives
- Government Organisations
- International Organisations
- Project Managers
- Planners
- Clients
- Supervisors
- Consultants
- Engineers
- Designers

About the Trainer:

Charles Edwards MSt(Cantab) MSc(Lond) MRICS MCI Arb FCIInstCES Barrister, is a high performing construction barrister, a legal expert in construction and engineering law and Head of Chambers at New Temple Chambers, a barristers' chambers with a laser focus on construction and engineering law. Charles is often sought after in regard to construction contract training and major and complex construction and engineering disputes. Charles provides training in all aspects of construction and engineering law.

NEC4 Engineering and Construction Contract

- **Introduction and Course Overview**
 - Overview of the day, learning outcomes, and NEC4 context
- **The NEC4 Approach and Contract Structure**
 - NEC4 suite overview, options, core principles (collaboration, flexibility, clarity) and Engineering and Construction Contract focus
- **Key Parties and Responsibilities**
 - Roles of the Client, Project Manager, Contractor and Supervisor
- **Early Warning and Risk Management**
 - Early warning process, risk reduction meetings, and risk register use
- **Programme and Time Management**
 - Requirements for submission, acceptance, and updates of the programme
- **Quality Management**
 - Identification and treatment of defective work prior to completion and after completion
- **Payment**
 - Payment procedures under the various options
- **Compensation Events**
 - Identifying, notifying, and assessing compensation events
- **Termination**
 - Process of termination, reasons that may trigger termination and the financial consequences that follow termination
- **Dispute Resolution**
 - Dispute resolution procedures, NEC early dispute resolution methods, practical tips

Why Train With Us

Participants will gain:

- Practical knowledge of the early warning process, risk registers, and how to promote timely issue resolution.
- A step-by-step understanding of the early warning procedures, payment, programme requirements, compensation events, quality and termination procedures.
- Detailed guidance on compensation events—how they are notified, assessed, and agreed.
- An overview of payment mechanisms, including defined cost, price lists, and activity schedules.
- Familiarity with dispute resolution procedures, including adjudication and dispute avoidance boards.
- Clarity on the differences between NEC4 and traditional contracts like JCT or FIDIC, and when NEC4 is most appropriate.
- Tools to improve contract administration, communication, and documentation in line with NEC's good practice principles.
- A **Certificate of Attendance** will be issued to all participants upon completion of the course for the purpose for 1 day of CPD.
- No prerequisites are necessary to attend this course.



"Charles, thank you for your contributions towards the institution, your session provided much value.

We're looking forward to your future talks."

Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES)

"Thank you for your time today, Charles. The attendees will have learned a lot from the workshop."

The Joint Contracts Tribunal (JCT)

"...Great presentation, thank you Charles."

Divisional Commercial Director - Top 5 UK Contractor

"Masterclass on LOIs [Letters of Intent]... I travelled from Paris to attend this one ... cutting the swathe in construction law and every bit as relevant today! Marvellous stuff Charles."

FIDIC Contract Claims Specialist

"Thank you... Charles... for organising. The presentation was very informative, the diagrams and quality of the handouts were excellent. [Payment in Construction Contracts - JCT & NEC]

Director and Quantum Expert

"Great presentation Charles!"

Country Director (Worldwide Construction Consultancy)

"Thank you for sharing such valuable information, and understanding of such claims [NEC Contract Payment Dispute] Charles."

Director

"No better... person for the job [talk on Letters of Intent for JCT]"

Construction Adjudicator

"It is always amazing to learn from you Charles."

Managing Director (Contractor)

"That was excellent Charles. [2-day FIDIC Yellow Book Training]"

Director

"A very dry topic of NEC disallowed costs? Not for Charles! Thank you for explaining it so well and who does not like an extra portion of case law!"

Industry Advisor

"... Fantastic presentation. Upwards and onwards."

Director

"Thanks for your time, Charles, it was a really informative and interesting workshop."

Director (Contractor)

"...your talk was superb, which was never in any doubt!..."

Director

"Thanks Charles, insightful presentation. I look forward to the next one."

Principal Planner

"Exceptional - Professional, Scholar, Gentleman!"

Architect

"Excellent Charles, keep inspiring and leading."

Managing Director (Worldwide Leader in Engineering and Technical Consulting)

Where Construction Contract Knowledge Builds Project Success

Your pace. Your place. Your learning.