Training Course on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in Construction Projects

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Construction Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this training course, participants will be able to:

1. Apply the principles of **principled negotiation** to achieve mutually beneficial agreements in construction projects.
2. Identify and analyze different **conflict styles** and their impact on project outcomes.
3. Utilize effective **communication strategies** to prevent and de-escalate conflicts among stakeholders.
4. Implement proactive **risk management** techniques to anticipate and mitigate potential disputes.
5. Master various **dispute resolution methods** relevant to the construction industry, including mediation and arbitration.
6. Develop strong **stakeholder management** skills to foster collaboration and alignment.
7. Employ techniques for effective **cross-cultural negotiation** in diverse project teams.
8. Understand the legal and contractual frameworks relevant to **construction disputes**.
9. Conduct thorough **conflict analysis** to identify underlying issues and interests.
10. Facilitate constructive **negotiation meetings** to achieve desired outcomes.
11. Develop strategies for managing **claims and variations** through effective negotiation.
12. Build **resilience and emotional intelligence** in handling challenging negotiations and conflicts.
13. Evaluate the effectiveness of different **negotiation and conflict resolution** approaches in various project scenarios.

Organizational Benefits

- Reduced project costs associated with delays, rework, and litigation.

- Improved project timelines and enhanced efficiency through proactive conflict management.
- Stronger stakeholder relationships and increased collaboration across project teams.
- Enhanced communication and information flow, minimizing misunderstandings.
- A more positive and productive project culture, fostering teamwork and innovation.
- Increased employee confidence and competence in handling challenging situations.
- Improved risk management capabilities and a proactive approach to dispute prevention.
- Enhanced organizational reputation for successful project delivery and stakeholder satisfaction.

Target Audience

1. Project Managers
2. Construction Managers
3. Contract Administrators
4. Site Engineers
5. Quantity Surveyors
6. Commercial Managers
7. Legal Counsel involved in construction
8. Senior Management overseeing construction projects

Course Outline

Module 1: Foundations of Negotiation in Construction

- Understanding the principles of negotiation and their application in construction projects.
- Identifying different negotiation styles and their effectiveness in various scenarios.
- Exploring the key elements of a successful negotiation process.
- Developing strategies for effective pre-negotiation planning and preparation.
- Case Study: Analyzing a successful negotiation outcome in a complex infrastructure project.

Module 2: Understanding Conflict in Construction Projects

- Identifying the common sources and triggers of conflict in the construction industry.
- Analyzing different levels and types of conflict that can arise.
- Understanding the impact of conflict on project timelines, budgets, and relationships.
- Developing a framework for early conflict detection and intervention.
- Case Study: Examining the financial and reputational consequences of unresolved conflict in a building project.

Module 3: Effective Communication for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

- Mastering active listening and empathetic communication techniques.
- Developing clear and concise communication strategies for different stakeholders.
- Utilizing non-verbal communication effectively in negotiation and conflict situations
- Practicing effective questioning and feedback techniques to facilitate understanding.
- Case Study: Analyzing how miscommunication led to a significant dispute and how it was resolved through improved communication

Module 4: Proactive Conflict Management and Prevention

- Implementing risk management strategies to anticipate and mitigate potential conflicts.
- Establishing clear communication protocols and stakeholder engagement plans.
- Utilizing collaborative problem-solving techniques to address potential issues proactively.

- Developing strategies for building trust and rapport among project stakeholders.
- Case Study: Exploring how a proactive risk management approach prevented a major contractual dispute

Module 5: Negotiation Strategies and Tactics in Construction

- Applying the principles of principled negotiation to achieve win-win outcomes.
- Developing effective strategies for handling different negotiation scenarios and tactics.
- Understanding the role of power and influence in construction negotiations.
- Practicing negotiation simulations to enhance practical skills.
- Case Study: Analyzing different negotiation tactics used in resolving a variation order dispute

Module 6: Dispute Resolution Methods in the Construction Industry

- Exploring various dispute resolution methods: negotiation, mediation, conciliation, and arbitration.
- Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of each method in the construction context.
- Learning the key stages and processes involved in mediation and arbitration.
- Developing strategies for selecting the most appropriate dispute resolution method.
- Case Study: Comparing the outcomes of resolving a construction defect claim through mediation versus arbitration

Module 7: Managing Claims and Variations through Negotiation

- Understanding the common causes of claims and variations in construction projects.
- Developing effective strategies for negotiating fair and reasonable settlements for claims.
- Utilizing negotiation techniques to manage variation orders and their impact on project costs and timelines.
- Implementing documentation and communication best practices for managing claims and variations.
- Case Study: Analyzing a successful negotiation of a complex variation order on a highway construction project.

Module 8: Building Resilience and Emotional Intelligence in Conflict Situations

- Developing self-awareness and emotional regulation skills for managing stressful negotiations.
- Understanding the impact of emotions on conflict and negotiation outcomes.
- Building empathy and interpersonal skills to navigate challenging stakeholder interactions.
- Developing personal strategies for maintaining composure and professionalism in conflict situations.
- Case Study: Examining how emotional intelligence played a crucial role in resolving a highly contentious dispute

Training Methodology

This training course will utilize a blended learning approach, incorporating:

- Interactive lectures and presentations
- Group discussions and collaborative exercises
- Role-playing and negotiation simulations
- Real-world case study analysis
- Practical toolkits and templates

- Q&A sessions and experience sharing

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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