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This online virtual course on the SAICE Suite of Contracts consists of a total of  $10 \times 2$ -hour daily online modules at 4 per day for 2.5 consecutive days and a separate multiple-choice guiz questionnaire to be competed after the end of the course.

The virtual course covers principles of construction contracts, theory and case law with an emphasis on explaining the SAICE forms of contract in simple language to beginners, experienced users and to those who like refresher courses. The course does not cover tendering procedures and also not the appointment of a consulting engineer or a health and safety agent which fall in the different category of professional services agreements.

### **Objective**

To reinforce the foundation of knowledge already developed by senior engineers, and to provide junior engineers a solid foundation in how a contract works and how it is applied and practised, and how to interpret and understand the obligations, rights and privileges of the contracting parties.

### **Background**

Construction contracts is a specialist field practised by many individuals as a career choice. These individuals provide guidance and leadership to others in navigating the complexities of the construction world as governed by contracts while creating infrastructure. In addition to the development of contractual skills of an individual, the concepts are also to be understood by a wide variety of related professionals, from planners, financial people, claims experts to dispute resolution professionals. Situations that arise during the construction stage need to be interpreted by one and all, as these situations enable one to better comprehend the often hard-to-read clauses and legal jargon, especially when embodied in the defined phrases of the contract, expressions or wordings. Training offered by this virtual course in construction contracts at a personal level prepares the client, engineer, contractor and other participants for transfer into the unique professional setting of the construction phase of a project.

This virtual course aims to create, develop, enhance and refresh the contractual knowledge of each participant, and aims to establish an awareness, ability and skill related to contractual reasonableness, fairness, balance and harmony. The roles of the parties are thoroughly covered to allow for developing and accommodating the contractual relationships between them. Contractual mechanisms such as payment, penalties, claims, termination, risks, quality control, extension of time, completion and most other aspects of construction contracts that govern the interaction between the parties are covered in detail.

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## **Form**

This is a virtual course that consists of 10 modules. The modules form a learning arch between theory and practice. This form of training will also give the participants the chance to enlarge their network with others that are interested in developing their knowledge of contracts and sustain it in the long term. The virtual course is designed to be informative, and it includes 16 presentations containing both theory and case law with continuous live feedback and interaction with other participants and the presenter. As a result, the participants will learn new skills to be directly implemented on construction sites and at the office.

#### **Modules**

Day 1: 08:15 for 08:30 - 17:15

Module I Part 01: GCC 2015, SGCC 2018 and GCCSF 2018 Background

Part 02: GCC 2015, SGCC 2018 and GCCSF 2018 Environment

Module 2 Part 03: GCC 2015, SGCC 2018 and GCCSF 2018 Which one to use?

Part 04: Guides, Pro Formas, and Substitutive Contractual Terms

Part 05: Clause I: General

Part 06: Clause 2: Basis of Contract

Module 3 Part 07: Clause 3: Employer's Agent

Module 4 Part 08: Clause 4: Contractor's General Obligations

Part 09: Clause 5: Time

Day 2: 07:45 for 08:00 - 16:45

Module 5 Part I 0: Clause 6: Payment
 Module 6 Part I I: Clause 7: Quality

Part 12: Clause 8: Risks

• Module 7 Part 13: Clause 9: Termination

Module 8 Part 14: Clause 10: Claims and Disputes

Day 3: 07:45 for 08:00 - 12:15

Module 9 Part 15: Electronic Resources and Utilities

Module 10 Part 16: Discussion, Multiple-Choice Questionnaires and Webinar Conclusion

#### **Content**

- Brief background to contracts and brief concepts of the SA contractual judiciary system
- Landmark court cases in the SA construction industry and other case law on construction disputes
- How to select the most appropriate form of contract out of the three SAICE forms of contract
- The 10 main clauses that run parallel in each form of contract is covered extensively
- Roles of Employer, Contractor, Employer's Agent and Construction Health and Safety Agent
- Many tips in general, also on the Construction Regulations that govern the Construction Work Permit, and on other phenomena found in the Copyright Act, the Public Holidays Act, in the CIDB SFU, SANS 10845, etc.

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# System requirements for each delegate

- Minimum requirements:
  - Computer or laptop with webcam and audio
  - Reliable internet connectivity and electrical power with no power outages or internet service interruptions
  - Microsoft Teams (free version or higher) installed
  - PDF Reader (Adobe free version or higher) installed
  - E-mail address and mobile telephone for communication in the event of disruptions or delays in proceedings
- Recommended peripherals:
  - Second monitor connected to the PC or laptop for displaying and annotating the course notes with comments via the PDF reader while displaying and following the course presentation on the first monitor

# Rules of the virtual course sessions

- In the event where the presenter is subject to an unforeseen power outage, an internet service interruption or other disruptive event beyond the control of SAICE or of the presenter that interrupts the virtual course, then rescheduling or extension of time of the virtual course, its modules, sessions or presentations is at the discretion of SAICE. Although unforeseen interruptions are rare, precautions for the presenter include a backup power system and backup internet connectivity from a second internet service provider.
- Attendance of all modules is compulsory for each delegate
- Completion of a multiple-choice quiz questionnaire (MCQQ) is compulsory for each delegate at the end of the virtual course
- A minimum pass mark of 75% is required for the MCQQ to qualify for a CPD Certificate
- Three submissions of the MCQQ, each before the specified submission deadline, are allowed for each delegate to attempt a
  pass
- CPD certificates require full attendance, submission of completed MCQQ, and a pass mark of 75%.

# **Webinar Structure and CPD Accreditation:**

- The virtual course runs over two-and a half consecutive days. This timeslot must be reserved by each delegate and no absenteeism is permitted
- This virtual course has been accredited for 2.5 CPD credits with the Engineering Council of South Africa.

## What's in the package:

- Workbook of over 400 pages in PDF, monochrome the top half of each page contains a slide and bottom half of page lineated for making notes.
- GCC 2015 (watermarked reference copy in PDF)
- Guide to the GCC 2015 (watermarked reference copy in PDF)
- SGCC 2018 (watermarked reference copy in PDF)
- GCCSF 2018 (watermarked reference copy in PDF)

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## **Dates:**

Events are scheduled for certain dates, which may be subject to change – see <u>scheduled dates</u>. Confirm dates with the course organizer (details below).

# Who should attend

Contractors; Engineers; Consultants; Quantity Surveyors; Lawyers; Advocates; Architects; Landscape Architects; Project Managers; Technologists; Construction Health and Safety Agents; Construction Health and Safety Representatives; Arbitrators; Adjudicators; Mediators; Trainers; Legislators; Supply Chain Management Officers; Financial Officers and anyone else with an interest in construction contracts.

### Times:

Day 1: **08:15** for 08:30 – 17:15 - Modules 1, 2, 3 and 4 Day 2: **07:45** for 08:00 – 16:45 - Modules 5, 6, 7 and 8

Day 3: 07:45 for 08:00 - 12:15 - Modules 9 and 10

What others say:

"The webinar focused on the principles governing the GCC, which is critical" – KvdM, Nov 2020

"Very knowledgeable and fluent" - GE, April 2021

"Relevant and well presented" - SK, April 2021

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## **The Presenters**

The virtual course is presented by Benti Czanik, with Tom McDonald as backup presenter. Each is a professional engineer, with combined experience of over 60 years in the engineering field. Both have worked for local and international clients, and both currently serve on the SAICE Contractual Affairs Subcommittee. They co-author updates and other new forms of SAICE contracts such as the new simplified form of contract (SGCC 2018), short form of contract (GCCSF 2018) and the general conditions of subcontract (GCSC 2018). Tom is a Fellow of the Association of Arbitrators, and besides holding a B Eng degree, is also an attorney with a B Proc degree. Benti is a contracts specialist and an Associate Member of the Association of Arbitrators with a B Eng (Civil) and a B Sc in Computer Science, the National Diploma in Datametrics, the National Treasury SIPDM Certificate and the Certificate in Arbitration from the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa). Both are experienced presenters of CPD training courses, seminars, virtual courses and webinars, and have gained their experience in the consulting field, contracts field and training field over many years.



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For fees, see course web page

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NB Be sure to ask for

the 2.5-day course on

SAICE Suite Of General Conditions of Contract GCC2015,SGCC2018 and GCCSF2018

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