

## **CIPFA Procurement Webinar**

### **An Essential Event for Public Sector Procurement, Legal and Estates Practitioners**

### **Introduction to the JCT 2024 Suite of Contracts for Public Sector Practitioners**

Zoom Event

**5 November 2025**

#### **Purpose**

The JCT suite of contracts is one of the most important documents in any building or civil engineering project, and public sector practitioners need to understand the operation of the contract. This one-day event will provide an overview of the JCT 2024 suite of contracts, (The JCT2016 will be withdrawn from 1 April 2026).

The JCT 2024 update is being hailed as significant because it introduces many of the emerging issues in the UK construction industry, (Building Safety Act 2022 and Fire Safety Act 2021). There are also notable inclusion of clauses relating to sustainable development, environmental considerations and notification and negotiation of disputes. This event will help you grasp the practical implications of the current JCT contract version as well as the changes in a public sector context.

#### **Learning Outcomes**

##### **How will you benefit?**

Key learning outcomes include:-

- Appreciate the structure and use of the JCT 2024 suite of contracts.
- Understand key and updated clauses in the contract.
- Reminder of some of the more common provisions to provide clarity to practitioners.
- Explanation when and how to amend standard clauses.
- Importance of clear communication between client, lawyers and procurement team.
- Guidance on how to explain and justify amendments.
- Update on the JCT Tendering Practice Note 2024 (PN/Tender 2024)

#### **Who Will Benefit?**

This event will be of interest to anyone (procurement, legal, estates, highways, quantity surveyors, contract administrators, architects, building surveyor's and project managers) who want to develop a better understanding of how the JCT suite of contracts work; including how to effectively administer the contract and avoid disputes or effectively manage those that arise. Delegates will also gain an understanding of the fundamentals of contract law, appreciate the perils of amending contracts and by the end of the day go away with practical awareness of the main provisions of the JCT Contract.

## Programme

09.30 – 09.40	<b>Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Webinar</b> <b>Mohamed Hans, Solicitor, Procurement Advisor,</b> <b>CIPFA Procurement &amp; Commissioning Network</b>
09.40 – 11.00	<b>The JCT 2024 Suite of Contracts - which JCT contract to select for your project?</b> JCT helps to ensure that the legal framework governing construction projects remains robust, relevant, and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders. This session will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ What is a standard building contract?</li><li>▪ An overview of the JCT suite of contracts</li><li>▪ Roles and responsibilities defined in JCT</li><li>▪ Powers of architect/ contract administrator</li><li>▪ General obligations</li><li>▪ Structure of a JCT contract</li><li>▪ Possession and completion</li><li>▪ Adjustment of completion date</li></ul>
11:00 – 11.20	<b>Comfort Break</b>
11.20 -12.35	<b>Conditions: Main Provisions</b> The conditions / contract terms in JCT contracts cover several main areas. This session will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Definitions and interpretation</li><li>▪ Control of the Works</li><li>▪ Carrying out the works,</li><li>▪ Payment</li><li>▪ Changes</li><li>▪ Injury, damage and insurance</li><li>▪ Contract Sum and Adjustments</li><li>▪ Certificates and Payments</li><li>▪ Variations</li><li>▪ Importance of administration</li><li>▪ Records, notices</li></ul>
12.35 -13.20	<b>Lunch</b>
13.20 -14.40	<b>How Best to Avoid Disputes under JCT</b> The intricacies of construction contracts often lead to disputes that can delay projects, escalate costs, and strain professional relationships. This session will look at practical aspects and what to include in a construction contract to avoid and mitigate disputes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Extension of time</li><li>▪ Warranties</li><li>▪ Injury, liquidated damages and insurance</li><li>▪ Assignment,</li><li>▪ Notices</li><li>▪ Third party rights, suspension and termination</li><li>▪ Settlement of disputes</li></ul>
14.40 – 14.50	<b>Comfort Break</b>
14.50 – 15.15	<b>Case study exercises – In this session, delegates will be guided through several practical case studies based on the JCT standard building contract.</b>
15.15 – 15.20	<b>Discussion, questions &amp; close</b>

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