

TRAINING FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONALS

The EduTech Centre, a division of the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS), offers a broad spectrum of training courses to quantity surveyors as well as other professionals in the built environment.

Some of the most popular ones, according to Karl Trusler, EduTech director of the ASAQS, include training on JBCC, international forms of contracts such as the New Engineering Contract (NEC), and the FIDIC Suite of Contracts, a one-day course on the GCC 2015 contract as well as a two-day Contract



Comparisons course comparing clauses in FIDIC, NEC, JBCC and GCC that relate to language and drafting, claims, dispute resolution and more.

Over the past year, a range of new value-adding courses has also been introduced. These include training for quantity surveyors with regards to real estate development and financial modelling, as well as courses on financial feasibility studies, building information modelling (BIM), implementing quality management systems, economics for the built environment and lifecycle costing.

“The lifecycle costing course intends to equip attendees with the skills and insights needed to guide a client on how to take into consideration the total cost commitment of erecting and maintaining an asset and not merely the initial capital costs. It is essential to decision making in that it facilitates choices between alternative methods of achieving an objective,” Trusler explains.

The EduTech Centre further offers seminars and courses on leadership, negotiation skills, dispute resolution and the expert witness, as well as a course that takes a close look at the challenges that are often encountered, the risks as well as the benefits that can be derived in public/private partnerships (PPPs).

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