

PROJECT MANAGEMENT | COURSE BROCHURE

Managing Construction Subcontractors

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Main contractors depend on dozens of subcontractors whose performance determines programme, quality and safety on site. This course covers subcontractor selection and pre-qualification, subcontract terms, coordination and interfaces, progress and quality monitoring, payment and variations, safety management and resolving disputes.

Poor subcontractor management is one of the most common causes of site delays. You will learn practical controls that keep subcontractors on track.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

• Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
• Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
• Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

Construction case studies, coordination exercises, subcontract review and site scenario role plays.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Select and pre-qualify subcontractors
• Set clear subcontract scope and terms
• Coordinate interfaces between trades
• Monitor progress, quality and safety
• Manage payments, variations and claims
• Resolve subcontractor disputes

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Construction project managers
• Site managers and engineers
• Commercial and quantity surveyors
• Procurement staff in construction
• Contractors' planners



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Subcontractor selection
- Interface coordination
- Site performance monitoring
- Commercial management
- Dispute resolution

Course outline

Day 1: Subcontracting Strategy

09:00–10:08	Make or buy decisions
10:08–11:00	Packaging work
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Packaging work (continued)
11:45–12:53	Pre-qualification
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 2: Subcontract Terms

09:00–10:08	Scope definition
10:08–11:00	Back-to-back terms
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Back-to-back terms (continued)
11:45–12:53	Payment and retention
12:53–14:00	Clause review

Day 3: Coordination on Site

09:00–10:08	Interface management
10:08–11:00	Look-ahead planning
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–11:45	Look-ahead planning (continued)
11:45–12:53	Coordination meetings
12:53–14:00	Simulation

Day 4: Quality and Safety

09:00–10:08	Inspection and testing
10:08–11:00	Subcontractor safety
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Subcontractor safety (continued)
11:45–12:53	Non-conformance
12:53–14:00	Case study

Day 5: Commercial Control

09:00–10:08	Variations and claims
10:08–11:00	Final accounts
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Final accounts (continued)
11:45–12:53	Dispute resolution
12:53–14:00	Action plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.



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Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Rome Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£2,860.–**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	15 Mar 2027	19 Mar 2027	**£1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£1,250.–**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**£2,840.–**
Online Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**£1,250.–**



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London Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**£1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£2,650.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**£2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**



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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**

Plan your next step

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