

NEC4: ECC PROJECT MANAGER ACCREDITATION DELEGATE GUIDE

Welcome to your NEC training.

This is an advanced accreditation programme designed for professionals who have a strong understanding of the NEC principles and processes. The programme aims to equip delegates with the skills necessary to manage projects using the Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC).

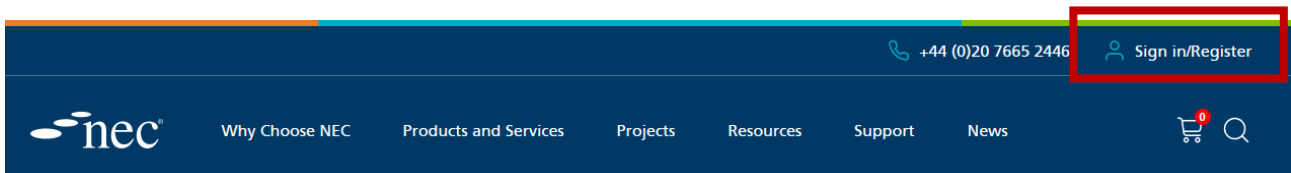
The following information is applicable for Public and In-house options, in UK and Internationally.

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Accessing the NEC programme

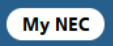
The online elements of the course can be accessed via the NEC website (www.neccontract.com). You will need to create your **My NEC** account to complete the programme.



To create a **My NEC** account, click the **Sign in/Register** in the top-right corner of window.


If you already have an account, use your existing credentials to sign in (Returning users), otherwise you will need to complete the 'New users' registration form by clicking the **Register** button.

Note: Your **My NEC** login ID is your email address. If you wish to change your email address at any time, please contact the NEC at +44 (0)207 665 2457 or email accreditations@neccontract.com and we will be able to update it for you.

Once registered, click on My NEC  (top right), then click [Access](#) under **My eLearning Training** header.

In a new window that will open, under **My Courses & Assessments** click on [Start or continue one of your courses](#).

From there you can navigate to your courses and assessment as they become available.

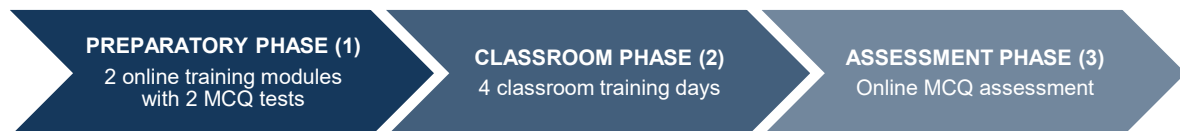
 **My eLearning Training** 

A list of your eLearning training courses, where you can re-watch them all

[Access](#) →

Course overview

The accreditation programmes consist of 3 phases. Each phase must be completed within the allocated timeframe before you will be granted access to the subsequent phase.



Phase 1: Preparatory Course

These modules are designed to ensure all delegates attending the programme have the fundamental knowledge and understanding of the NEC contracts. Each module comprises of:

- an introductory level set of videos with a multiple-choice question (MCQ) test at the end, and
- the accreditation specific online module with an MCQ test at the end.

How to access

All online training modules will be made available to you via the **My NEC** area, 30 days prior to the Phase 2 start date, or upon booking (whichever is the latest).

Note: Please bear in mind that your access to the modules and MCQ tests in Phase 1 will expire 1 working day prior the Phase 2 classroom date. Once expired, you will no longer be able to view the videos or take the MCQ tests.

You can rewatch the videos as many times as you wish before your access expires.

MCQ tests

The pass mark for each test is 70%. You will have 3 attempts to pass the test. Your attempt is registered as soon as you click “Start” to begin your test. Each attempt must be completed in a single sitting, and you should not take any breaks until you’ve completed the attempt. Only your highest attempt will be recorded for your *final score*.

At the end of your test, you will be presented with your score and a confirmation if you’ve passed or failed your attempt. In addition, you will be able to view the feedback on questions you’ve got wrong. Please **do not** leave the feedback screen until you’ve finished reviewing it, as you will be unable to return to it.

After having successfully completed **both** MCQ tests, you will receive an online training certificate. Should you fail all 3 attempts or fail to take the test altogether before the expiry, unfortunately you will not be invited for the final Phase 3 assessment, and therefore will not be eligible for the accreditation. You may still choose to attend the classroom training.

Note: Please note that your session may timeout should you take too long to complete the test. We highly recommend closing all other browsers and tabs/windows before attempting any of your tests to reduce the timeout issue.

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NEC4: Introduction to the Engineering and Construction Contract

Video: 4 Sessions (approximately 3 hours)
MCQs: 1 set of 30 multiple-choice questions
Pass Mark: 70% (maximum of 3 attempts)

NEC4: Managing Time and the Programme

Video: 6 Sessions (approximately 90 minutes)
MCQs: 1 set of 25 multiple-choice questions
Pass Mark: 70% (maximum of 3 attempts)

Phase 2: Classroom training

The classroom training is delivered over 4 consecutive days. Attending all 4 days is a requirement for all delegates to be invited to the Phase 3 assessment. You will be provided with the training materials and complimentary copies of the relevant contracts and guidance notes for the programme (Public bookings only).

Note: Please note that in-house clients will be responsible for providing their own copies of complimentary materials to their delegates.

Phase 3: Assessment

After successfully completing the preparatory course and the classroom training, you will be sent an email confirming your assessment availability, accessed via your **My NEC**. You will have a 30-day window from the date of your email to complete your final assessment.

This is an objective style assessment. It consists of the following:

Question type: multiple-choice
Number of questions: 58 questions (total)
Number of marks: 65 marks (total)
Pass mark: 60% (39 out of 65 marks)
Duration: 4 hrs (split into 2 sittings – 2 hours each)
Attempts: 1 attempt

Please see the assessment structure, the question styles and support in how to approach each question style of the assessment [here](#).

The assessment recommends an English language competency equivalent to approximately CEFR (Common European Framework or Reference) level B2 or higher.

Note: You must take the assessment on your own and must not share the questions or your answers with others, otherwise this may result in your assessment being voided.

Please note that if you have a learning disability and require additional support, you should email NEC at accreditations@necontract.com with proof of your disability before starting your assessment.

Upon completing the 2nd sitting you will be shown your results immediately, confirming if your assessment has been successful or not. A breakdown of your performance per theme will also be made available upon completion, to help you identify the knowledge areas you excel in as well as those that might be in need of a review.

Note: If you have been unsuccessful, you may resit the assessment up to 2 times. Each resit is charged at an additional fee. If you're still unsuccessful in both resits and you wish to pursue the accreditation, you will need to rebook and take the full programme.

Please refer to our FAQs which can be found on the [NEC website](#) for more information around the accreditation programme.

Certification

Successful candidates will be sent an 'NEC Certificate of Accreditation'. The certification is valid for 5 years from the date of your assessment.

Please ensure that your postal address in **My NEC** area under "Shipping Address" is up-to-date and accurate. Your certificates will be dispatched to you within 28 days from completing your assessment.

Appeals procedure

If you're unsatisfied with any part of your accreditation course, you can submit an appeal to NEC providing details of your appeal with supporting evidence. This must be submitted to accreditations@necontract.com no longer than **5 working days** from the date of your final assessment results email. We will acknowledge your email within 2 working days of the receipt and upon investigation endeavour to provide a reply within 10 working days.

Re-certification

6 months before your certification expiration date you will be invited to complete the renewal module and assessment to demonstrate the currency of your knowledge. Failure to successfully renew your accreditation will void your existing accredited status.

Your renewal access will be set up by the NEC. You will receive an email stating that your renewal module is available to view. You can access your PMA Renewal module via the **MY NEC** area.

Contact us

If you have any questions relating to the NEC Accreditations, please get in touch with us via the following options:

Email: accreditations@necontract.com

Post: NEC (Accreditations)
8 Storey's Gate
Westminster
London SW1P 3AT

T (UK): +44 207 665 2457

T (Hong Kong): +852 9320 7694

Please note that we will aim to respond to you via email within 2 working days.
Where possible, please quote your Delegate ID number (6-digit number).

Assessment structure

Questions are grouped into seven main sections (A to G), each addressing one or more contract themes. Some of the sections have one overarching Scenario which provides the background for all the questions in that section. The Scenario will be visible to you in applicable sections.

Associated themes
General
<i>Contractor's and Project Manager's responsibilities</i>
Time, programme and related matters
Quality management
Payment
Compensation events
Title
Liability and Insurance
Termination
Resolving and Avoiding Disputes

Multiple-choice question types

Note: These questions are used as examples only to showcase the question styles used in the assessment and how delegates should approach each question when answering.

Each paper will contain 3 types of questions.

Standard Multiple-Choice questions [1 mark]

The majority of questions you will find in the assessment are standard MCQs. In this type of question, you will need to select one or more answers from a list of available answer options, as instructed.

See example below:

Which one of the following sports can only be played in a team?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golf
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Football
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swimming

Picklist questions [4 marks]

This question type requires you to select an answer from a list of options (**Who**) for each (**Action**) statement.

Tip: Read the question carefully, review the **Action** options first to see what specific aspect of the subject is being assessed and look for key words, then read the **Who** statements. You will then need to match the role (**Who**) to the relevant **Action** statement.

See example below:

The Metz family travels around the world as a group of performing artists. For each of the four actions described below, choose the option which identifies who carries out the action.	
Option	Who
A	The clown
B	The juggler
C	The trapeze artist
D	The ringmaster
E	The acrobat
F	The tightrope walker
G	The magician
H	The strongman
Action	
G	Makes doves appear out of a cloth
H	Lifts heavy dumbbells
A	Makes people laugh with funny jokes and gestures
B	Keeps up in the air many objects at the same time

Statement and Reason questions [5 marks]

In this question type, each statement is followed by a reason. The delegate is required to understand whether the statement and/or reason are true or false, and if both are true whether reason explains the statement.

See example below:

The 2020 summer Olympic Games recently concluded in Japan.			
Items 1 to 5 in the table below consist of a statement and a reason for that statement. For each item identify the appropriate option, from options A to E, that applies. Each option can be used once, more than once or not at all.			
Option	Statement	Reason	
A	TRUE	TRUE	AND the reason explains the statement
B	TRUE	TRUE	BUT the reason does not explain the statement
C	TRUE	FALSE	
D	FALSE	TRUE	
E	FALSE	FALSE	
	Statement		Reason
<input type="text" value="D"/>	Competing athletes did not travel to Japan	BECAUSE	the Olympic Games were broadcast Live internationally.
<input type="text" value="C"/>	The 2020 summer Olympics were held in 2021	BECAUSE	in 2020 summer, the weather was not sufficiently sunny.
<input type="text" value="A"/>	Athletes from all around the world flew to Tokyo to participate	BECAUSE	the Olympic Games are an international competition.
<input type="text" value="E"/>	There were no gold medals awarded in the 2020 summer Olympics	BECAUSE	the Olympic Games are a non-competitive event.
<input type="text" value="B"/>	The 2020 summer Olympics were hosted in Tokyo	BECAUSE	Japan's official currency is the Japanese yen.