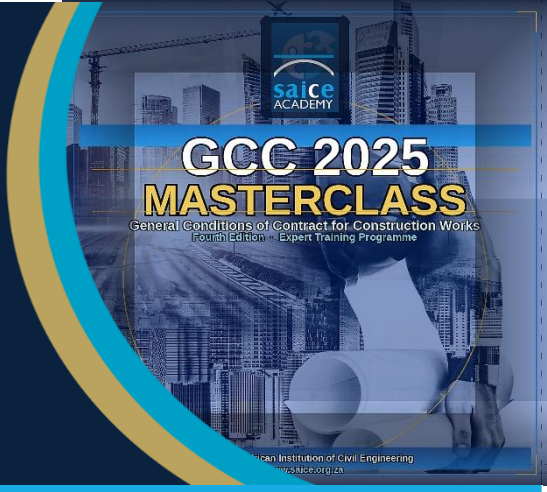
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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS

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Date: 18th February 2027 to 16th September 2027 – 16:00 to 18:30

WHY GCC 2025 MATTERS:

The new General Conditions of Contract for Construction Works, Fourth Edition, 2025 (the "GCC 2025") was published and related on 2 September 2025 and has received the Construction Industry Development Board's approval and endorsement on 20 June 2025 into the Standard for Uniformity in Engineering and Construction Works Contracts (August 2019), which standard applies to organs of state who solicit tenders in the construction industry.

> "*GCC 2025 was developed taking into consideration developing case law since GCC 2015 was published, & also to improve the working relationship and the dynamics between the Employer, Employer's Agent & the Contractor. All to limit the claims & disputes in a pro-active way*." - Theunis van Zyl

WHAT CHANGES IN PRACTICE?

Some notable changes and improvements were introduced in the new GCC 2025, including, amongst others:

- the change from the Due Completion Date to the Due Practical Completion Date, and the implications arising therefrom;
- the introduction of advance warning provisions;
- the consultation process involving the Employer's Agent;
- additional entitlements relating to notices and claims;
- the implications of Variation Orders; and
- improvements to the termination provisions, to name but a few.

SCAN TO BUY BOOKS

THE OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this training is to provide expert led training to Employers, Employer's Agents, Engineers, Project Managers, Contract Directors, Contract Managers, Construction Managers, and Site Agents to substantially increase competency in the implementation of construction projects governed by the GCC 2025.

If you have any responsibility to deliver a construction project governed by the General Conditions of Construction Works, attendance is essential to effectively manage time, quality and risk.

This in-depth and interactive course will be provided over 12 sessions (at 2.25 hours per session) over a period of 8 months, to properly cover Clauses 1 to 10, as well the Dispute Resolution provisions of the GCC 2025.

> *"Knowledge is the key, and understanding practicalities and the application of the GCC 2025 takes you down the road of Wisdom."* - Theunis van Zyl

WHAT MAKES IT A MASTERCLASS?

It's not sufficient anymore to just have a working knowledge of the Conditions of Contract governing the relationship between the Contractor and the Employer.

Employer's Agents, although not a direct party in terms of the construction contract, have a significant and pro-active role to play to ensure project success.

The same applies to the Employer and the Contractor, who are the ultimate owners of the project success, as steered by the provisions of the contract. This course also takes into account the Project Management's Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) principles to apply the standard for successful Project Management, whether you represent the Employer, Employer's Agent or the Contractor.

> "*Simply put, there is no equal course that have been presented on this level, in South Africa."* - Theunis van Zyl

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE COURSE PRESENTER:



Attend this training and **interact on a personal basis** with our experienced presenter Theunis van Zyl who is a Professional Engineering Technologist, Professional Construction Project Manager, Professional Construction Manager, NEC3 Registered Professional and who also holds a A A Arb and Certificate in Arbitration and is a Fellow Member with SAICE. His 35 years' experience in the construction and consulting industry includes that of other suites of construction contracts as well. He has also played an active role on the Contractual Affairs Subcommittee (CAS) of the SAICE Project Management and Construction Division in the drafting of the new GCC 2025 and is also the Chairman of the SAICE ADR Committee.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This training is aimed at those who already have a working knowledge of the GCC 2015 and is aimed at providing Employers, Consultants and Contractors with a smooth and informed transition from GCC 2015 to GCC 2025, as well as providing delegates with the in-depth knowledge and insights not available from the usual introductory courses. This course will focus on the rights, obligations and remedies of the **Employer, Employer's Agent** and the **Construction Manager** on a clause-by-clause basis in the ambit of the GCC 2025.

COURSE OUTLINE AND REQUIREMENTS:

COURSE PROGRAM:
Twelve (12) sessions at **2.25** hours per session, from **16h00 – 18h30** on the day, with the first session commencing on 18 February 2027. Each session will also have an online assessment to be completed within 14 days of the session to be assessed.

The sessions will be on the following dates and shall cover the following:

Module 1: 18 February 2027
This module will cover the background of the GCC Suite, importance of the different contractual definitions, written communications, recognized method of delivery of written communications, authority, concessions and copyright.

Module 2: 11 March 2027
This module will cover the basis of contract between the Parties, the purpose of advance warnings, availability of data at time of tender, encountering adverse physical conditions with associated actions, dealing with change in technical data and ambiguity or discrepance discovered in the Contract. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 3: 8 April 2027:
This module will cover the role and the requirements of the Employer's Agent, the Employer's Agent's Representative, delegations, the importance of consultation, dissatisfaction by the Contractor and the requirements of regular meetings. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 4: 29 April 2027:
This module will cover the Contractor's general and legal obligations, the Employer's Agent's instructions, the requirements for subcontracting, planning approvals, dealing with heritage items and other parties' interference with the Works, construction equipment and the Contractor's employees. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 5: 13 May 2027:
This module will cover time-calculations, the Commencement Date, commencement of the Works, access to and possession of the Site, the importance of the programme, progress and demands, acceleration, delays caused by information, drawings and/or instructions, suspension, extension of time, penalties, Practical Completion, Completion and Final Approval. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 6: 27 May 2027:
This module will cover the obligations in respect of performance guarantees, Variation Orders, the valuation of Variation Orders, dayworks, monthly valuations and payments, materials on or off-site, retention monies, the completion statement and final payment certificate. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 7: 17 June 2027:
This module will cover the quality of Plant, workmanship and materials, testing and inspections, patent and latent defects and remedying of defects. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 8: 22 July 2027:
This module will cover the risks of the Contractor and the Employer related to the Works, claims flowing from the Employer's risks, dealing with accidents and insurances. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 9: 5 August 2027:
This module will cover termination as a result of risk outside the control of the Parties, default and termination procedure and consequences flowing from the default of a Party and payment obligations following termination. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 10: 26 August 2027:
This module will cover the notice and claim requirements for the different types of claims provided for in GCC 2025. A case study may also be considered in this module.

Module 11: 2 September 2027:
This module will cover the dispute resolution options to be followed in the GCC 2025.

Module 12: 16 September 2027:
This module will cover the Adjudication procedure provided in the GCC 2025 and the application of the Adjudication Board Rules.

Attendance and assessment test requirements

ATTENDANCE: Will be monitored and SAICE reserves the right not to issue a delegate with a CPD certificate if attendance by a delegate was found to be less than 90% of the total course duration.

Delegates must be in attendance for the full duration of the training and will be required to successfully complete a compulsory multiple-choice questionnaire online within 14 days of the end of each training session. A delegate will not be able to obtain a certificate without full attendance and without achieving a score of at least 75% for the multiple-choice questionnaire. In **exceptional circumstances**, and upon written application by a delegate who was unable to attend a session, a recording of that session will be made available to the delegate to enable them to catch up before the next session takes place.

The following will be covered in this course with an in-depth and inter-active approach:
- Clauses 1 – 10 (The Contract Data and clause references)
- Dispute Resolution Options and Strategies

The training shall carry full CPD validation from ECSA for a 3-day training course. Each delegate receives a hard copy of the new GCC 2025 (couriered to the address provided on your registration) and the course notes.

Who to Contact to register?

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Cost: SAICE Members: **R 13 800,00** (Incl VAT) Non-Members **R 13 800,00** (Incl VAT) which includes a copy of the new GCC2025 (Valued at R 1250,00).

In-house in-person courses can be arranged on request but are subject to a minimum number of delegates.