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CECA North East - LEGAL SEMINAR

Common NEC 4 Problems and their Solution

Thursday 25 June 2026

This CPD session will discuss common issues in NEC4 contracts including defects management, claims disputes, and contract administration challenges, with solutions focusing on clear communication, timely notifications, and adherence to contract terms.

This seminar will cover:

- Working in a spirit of mutual trust and co-operation – does this have any contractual teeth?
- What is the difference between an early warning notice and a notice of compensation event, and how should an early warning meeting be conducted?
- Who owns the float and time related risk allowances under NEC?
- How do I assess a compensation event when the last Accepted Programme is months old?
- If the Project Manager does not notify a compensation event at the time of an instruction, is the compensation event still assessed as a forecast from the date of instruction despite both parties knowing the cost and time effect?
- If the Contractor's design was carried out in accordance with the design approved by the Project Manager, is the Contractor still liable if there is an error in such design?
- The Project Manager is treating cost as Disallowed Cost because we do not have turnstile records for staff; is this correct?
- Under Main Option A, is the Contractor entitled to be paid for materials stored on and/or off site?
- If an all risks insurance policy is in the joint names, can the Employer sue the Contractor for any loss that is not paid by the insurer?

Who Should Attend ?

- Contractors - Commercial, Directors, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers
- Clients (including Local Authorities, Water, Highways, Environment) - Commercial, Procurement, Legal, PQS's
- Consultants



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Face to Face Seminar

Castle View Suite
Durham County Cricket Club
Thursday 25 June 2026

8.30am – 9am Registration
9.00am – 10.45 Presentation / Q&A

CECA Members £Free

CECA Associate Member £15.00 & VAT

Non-Members £25.00 & VAT

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We are dedicated to providing expert guidance and support throughout the construction industry supply chain, helping our clients navigate challenges and achieve successful outcomes. Our extensive experience and commitment to excellence make us ideal partners for managing risk and resolving construction and engineering disputes effectively.

Our team of experts provide comprehensive services designed to manage, resolve, and prevent disputes. With extensive industry experience, and both technical and legal qualifications, we offer tailored solutions that address the unique challenges faced by our clients.