

MAP02 Financial Legal and Statutory Requirements in Construction

MAP MODULE COURSE SPECIFICATION

Modular Acceleration Programme (MAP)

About the MAP

Preston College has been approved to offer specific modules through the modular acceleration programme (MAP). The modular acceleration programme is a 2-year pilot to fund tuition fees for learners who study specific modules of higher technical qualifications (HTQ), such as a Higher National Certificate (HNC) at level 4. Learners do not need to pay back any tuition fees. However, the funding accessed for MAP will reduce the amount remaining in a future Lifelong Learning Entitlement account. This is called the 'residual entitlement'.

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INTRODUCTION

The MAP02 course provides a valuable opportunity for learners to develop construction management competencies by engaging with the complex legal and business context of the industry. The 12-week programme is designed to be challenging yet achievable, with clear progression outcomes for those looking to advance their careers. By gaining this industry-focused knowledge and skills, learners will enhance their employability and professional standing in the construction sector.

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COURSE OVERVIEW

The construction industry is shaped by a many legal, regulatory and financial factors. The MAP02 short course provides an essential overview of this challenging context. Students will learn about the planning and building control processes, the laws governing site safety and neighbouring land issues, and the legal aspects of property transactions. They will also gain insights into construction business models, sources of finance, financial reporting, organisational structures and resource management strategies.

Through a combination of theory and practical application, students will develop the ability to navigate the legal and financial landscape of construction projects. They will consider how construction activities can be managed to minimise risk and maintain compliance. By understanding the business environment of the industry, students will be better prepared to contribute to organisational success and their own professional development.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

This course is designed for individuals who meet the following MAP eligibility criteria:

- Aged 19-60
- Living in England or living outside England but working in England
- Looking to retrain for a new career in the construction industry or upskill for their current built environment job

This may include:

- Those currently working in construction who want to enhance their digital skills and understanding of the industry
- Individuals from other sectors considering a career change into construction
- Adults seeking to retrain for employment opportunities in the built environment
- Self-employed tradespeople looking to expand their services to include BIM and digital construction
- Professionals in adjacent fields, such as architecture or engineering, who interface with the construction sector
- Those who started but did not complete a construction qualification and want to resume their education
- Adults returning to the workforce who are interested in construction careers
- Individuals who want to take the first step towards a Higher Technical Qualification in construction

CAREER OPTIONS AND PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Upon successful completion of the course, students may consider the following progression routes:

- Combining MAP02 with other construction-related MAP units to work towards a Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Construction Management for England
- Undertaking a higher apprenticeship in Construction Management, Quantity Surveying or Site Supervision
- Applying for roles as an Assistant Quantity Surveyor, Trainee Estimator, Assistant Site Manager or Contract Administrator
- Continuing professional development through industry body qualifications and memberships

COURSE AIMS

The MAP02 short course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the legal, statutory and financial framework within which the construction industry operates. Students will explore the key legislation and regulations governing planning, building control, site operations, and the sale and leasing of property. They will also develop knowledge and skills in construction business management, including company structures, financial control, resource management and organisational strategies. By combining these two units over a 12-week duration, students will gain a holistic view of the complex legal and financial environment of the construction sector and the competencies needed to work effectively within it.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Unit 5: Legal and Statutory Requirements in Construction

LO1: Explain the process used to obtain planning permission for the construction and alteration of buildings

LO2: Discuss the processes and regulations used to control design and to ensure safe buildings

LO3: Assess the laws used to ensure that construction sites operate safely and consider adjoining land-users

LO4: Analyse how the law of contract and land law are used to sell and lease land and buildings

Unit 11: Financial Management & Business Practices in Construction

LO1: Explain the legal status of different types of construction companies

LO2: Explore different sources of finance available to a construction company and strategies used to manage finance

LO3: Evaluate different forms of company organisation in the contemporary construction industry

LO4: Illustrate the different strategies used by construction companies to manage resources

INDICATIVE COURSE STRUCTURE

Week 1
Course introduction and key concepts The planning process and building regulations Legal structures of construction companies
Weeks 2-11
The course is structured to deliver key content from both units to provide an integrated learning experience. The focus moves from the external legal and financial environment, through on-site operations, to internal business management considerations. Formative assessments allow for monitoring and feedback, building towards the final summative assessment. Structured independent study tasks will accompany each phase to deepen and extend the learning
Week 12
Revision and consolidation Summative assessment workshop Course review and progression planning

STUDY WORKLOAD

Whilst we have designed the course to be as flexible as possible, it's important to be realistic about the time and effort you'll need to invest outside of the classroom to get the most out of this course.

So, what does independent study involve?

Independent study is all the learning activities you'll do on your own time, outside of the scheduled lectures, workshops, and tutorials. This could include:

- Reading and research to deepen subject knowledge
- Completion of directed study tasks and formative assessments
- Preparation for workshops and assessed tasks
- Reflection on learning and development of personal action plans

How much time should you expect to spend on independent study?

The course is designed to be completed over 12 weeks, combining guided learning and independent study. This means that for every hour you spend in class, you should plan to spend about 1.5 hours studying on your own. Of course, some weeks may be more intense than others, depending on the topic and your assignment deadlines. But as a general rule, you should aim to set aside at least a couple of hours each day for independent study.

TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

The course will be delivered through a blend of lectures, workshops, case studies and directed self-study. Students will have opportunities to work individually and collaboratively to apply their learning to real-world scenarios. Formative assessment and feedback will support progress towards the final summative assessment.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

The MAP02 short course on Financial, Legal and Statutory Requirements in Construction offers opportunities for learners to develop a range of valuable transferrable skills alongside the subject-specific knowledge. These transferrable skills are highly sought after by employers across various sectors and can support career progression and personal development. Key transferrable skills cultivated through this course include:

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Research and information literacy
- Communication and collaboration
- Commercial awareness and financial acumen
- Decision-making and leadership
- Adaptability and resilience
- Time management and personal organisation
- Professionalism and ethics

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At Preston College, we're committed to making education accessible to adult learners looking to upskill or retrain. If you're aged 19-60 and living in England (or living outside England but working in England), we welcome your application to the Construction Environment and Digital Innovation course. Whether you're currently working in construction, looking to change careers, or seeking to return to education, we'll assess your application on an individual basis to ensure this course is the right fit for you.

To apply, you should meet at least one of the following criteria:

GCSEs at grade 4 or above in English and mathematics (or equivalent qualifications)
A Level 3 or higher qualification in a subject related to construction or the built environment
Relevant work experience in the construction industry or a related field

We also consider applicants who can demonstrate relevant skills or knowledge gained through work or life experience. We understand that learning happens in many ways, and we'll take the time to understand your unique background and potential.

Enhancing Your Learning Experience

If you're not currently working in construction, we encourage you to seek out paid or voluntary work opportunities alongside your studies. This will allow you to apply your new skills in a real-world setting, making your learning more meaningful and boosting your employability.

Our team is here to support you throughout the application process and your learning journey. We understand that returning to education as an adult can be challenging, and

we're committed to providing the guidance and resources you need to succeed. If you have any questions about the entry requirements or whether this course is right for you, please get in touch. [Contact Us - Preston College](#)

TUITION COSTS

The course is fully funded by the government as part of the Modular Acceleration Programme (MAP) pilot. This means that if you meet the eligibility criteria, you can study this course without paying any tuition fees.

RELATED COURSES

MAP01 The Construction Environment and Digital Innovation
HNC Construction Management for England
HNC Quantity Surveying for England (HTQ)
HNC Civil Engineering for England (HTQ)

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