

Party Walls

Course Summary

Since the Party Wall Act 1996 came into force, homeowners in England and Wales have had a procedure to follow when building work involves a party wall or party fence wall, some excavations close to neighbouring buildings, and new walls at boundaries. However, in situations where the adjoining owner does not 'agree' in writing to the works, a surveyor or surveyors will determine the time and way in which those works are carried out.

This course will provide you with the skills to prepare a party wall agreement, setting out the owners' rights and responsibilities in relation to how the work should proceed. The roles of the Building Owners' Surveyor, Adjoining Owners' Surveyor and acting as an Agreed Surveyor will all be dealt with, in addition to working hours, special foundations, what happens in case of damage and access for the surveyor during the course of the works.

Learning Objectives

- Explain the nature and purpose of the Party Wall Act 1996, and outline this to clients
- Classify the role and responsibilities of the Party Wall Surveyor
- Critique and prepare Party Wall Awards
- Describe how to challenge the Award and how to appeal to the county court

Course structure

This module will combine:

- eLearning: Self-study material teaching you the essential skills and knowledge
- Reading Material: a curated list of additional resources
- Quizzes: a short quiz tracks how much of the learning has been absorbed and acts as a progress tracker
- End of course exam: You will be assessed through a multiple-choice examination at the end of the course

Who should attend

This course is designed for building surveyors and building control surveyors who have passed their APC and/or have 2-3 years of practical experience, and are exploring further knowledge on party walls.

The course is also be beneficial for asset managers, valuers and facilities managers who require a detailed understanding of party walls.

