

Adjudicator's Contract

This contract should be used for the appointment of an Adjudicator to decide disputes under the NEC family of contracts. It may also be used for the appointment of an Adjudicator under other forms of contract

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- It is a clear and simple document – using language and a structure which are straightforward and easily understood.

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FORM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made on the day of between

• (name of company/organisation)
of
..... (address) and

• (name of company/organisation)
of
..... (address)

(the Parties) and

• (name)
of
..... (address)

(the Adjudicator).

1. The Parties appoint the Adjudicator in accordance with the conditions of contract and Contract Data attached to this Agreement.
2. The Adjudicator accepts this appointment and undertakes to carry out the Adjudicator's duties as described in the conditions of contract.

Signed jointly on behalf of the Parties by
..... (signature)

Name
Position
on behalf of

and
..... (signature)

Name
Position
on behalf of

and signed by the Adjudicator
..... (signature)

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CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1 General

	Actions	1.1	The Parties and the Adjudicator shall act as stated in this contract and in the <i>contract between the Parties</i> . The Adjudicator shall act impartially.
		1.2	The Adjudicator notifies the Parties as soon as he becomes aware of any matter which may present him with a conflict of interest.
	Identified and defined terms	1.3	In these conditions of contract, the Adjudicator and the Parties are those identified in the Form of Agreement. Terms identified in the Contract Data are in italics and defined terms have capital initials.
		1.4	Expenses are the cost of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • printing, reproduction and purchase of documents, drawings, maps, records and photographs, • telegrams, telex, faxes and telephone calls, • postage and delivery charges, • travelling, hotel and similar expenses, • room charges and • charges by others for help in an adjudication incurred by the Adjudicator for an adjudication.
	Interpretation and the law	1.5	In this contract, except where the context shows otherwise, words in the singular also mean in the plural and the other way round and words in the masculine also mean in the feminine and neuter.
		1.6	This contract is governed by the <i>law of the contract</i> .
		1.7	If a conflict arises between this contract and the <i>contract between the Parties</i> then this contract prevails.
		1.8	If as a result of the <i>contract between the Parties</i> another party has become a party to a dispute which is to be decided by the Adjudicator, references to Parties in this contract are interpreted as including the other party.
		1.9	Each communication which this contract requires is in a form which can be read, copied and recorded. Writing is in the <i>language of this contract</i> .
	Communications	1.10	A communication has effect when it is received at the last address notified by the recipient for receiving communications or, if none is notified, at the address of the recipient stated in the Form of Agreement.

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2 Adjudication

- 2.1 The Adjudicator does not decide any dispute that is the same or substantially the same as one that he or his predecessor has previously decided.
- 2.2 The Adjudicator decides a dispute referred to him under the *contract between the Parties*. He makes his decision and notifies the Parties of it in accordance with the *contract between the Parties*.
- 2.3 After notifying the Parties of his intention, the Adjudicator may obtain from others help that he considers necessary in reaching his decision. Before making his decision, the Adjudicator provides the Parties with a copy of any information or advice from others and invites their comments on it.
- 2.4 The Parties co-operate with the Adjudicator and comply with any request or direction he makes in relation to the dispute.
- 2.5 The Parties and the Adjudicator keep the Adjudicator's decision and information provided for an adjudication as confidential to those who have a proper interest in them.
- 2.6 After a decision has been made, the Adjudicator keeps documents provided to him by the Parties for the *period of retention*.

3 Payment

- Advanced payment** 3.1 Each time a dispute is referred to the Adjudicator, the Party referring the dispute makes an advanced payment to him of the amount stated in the Contract Data. The advanced payment is made within one week of the date when the dispute is referred.
- Assessing the amount due** 3.2 The Adjudicator assesses the amount due and submits an invoice to each Party for that Party's share of the amount due. Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties pay the Adjudicator the amount due in equal shares.
- 3.3 The Adjudicator submits invoices after each decision on a dispute has been notified to the Parties and after termination.
- 3.4 The amount due is
- the Adjudicator's fee multiplied by the total of the time spent on an adjudication and the time spent travelling, plus
 - the Expenses, less
 - the amount of the advanced payment and other previous payments.
- Any tax which the law requires the Parties to pay to the Adjudicator is included in the invoice.
- Payment of the amount due** 3.5 The Parties pay the amount due within three weeks of receiving the Adjudicator's invoice or, if a different period is stated in the Contract Data, within the period stated.
- 3.6 Payments are in the *currency of this contract* unless otherwise stated in this contract.

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- 3.7 If a payment is late, interest is paid on the late payment. Interest is assessed from the date by which the late payment should have been made until the date when the late payment is made. Interest is calculated on a daily basis at the *interest rate* and is compounded annually.
- 3.8 If one of the Parties fails to pay, the other Party pays the Adjudicator the amount due with interest. The defaulting Party repays to the other Party the amount paid to the Adjudicator together with interest.

4 Termination

- 4.1 The Parties may, by agreement, terminate the appointment of the Adjudicator for any reason. They notify the Adjudicator of the termination.
- 4.2 The Adjudicator may, by notifying the Parties, terminate his appointment if
- he considers that he cannot act because of a conflict of interest,
 - he is unable to decide a dispute,
 - an advance payment has not been made or
 - he has not been paid an amount due within five weeks of the date by which payment should have been made.
- 4.3 Unless he has terminated his appointment or his appointment has been terminated by the Parties, the Adjudicator's appointment terminates on the date stated in the Contract Data.

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CONTRACT DATA

Statements given in all contracts

- The *contract between the Parties* is
- The *period of retention* is weeks.
- The *law of the contract* is the law of
- The *language of this contract* is
- The amount of the advanced payment is
- The Adjudicator's fee is per hour.
- The *interest rate* is % per annum above
- The *currency of this contract* is
- The Adjudicator's appointment terminates on

Optional statements

If the period for payment of invoices is not three weeks

- The period for payment of invoices is weeks.

If additional conditions of contract are required

- The *additional conditions of contract* are

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Terms in *italics* are identified in the Contract Data, and defined terms have capital initial letters.

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