

# BLDG 5001 CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS

**Credit Points** 10

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**Description** This subject introduces contractual procedures and legal principles relating to construction claims. Students develop cognitive and technical skills to construct and assess construction claims through practical and real world activities. In addition, students examine delay analysis and quantum determination in extension of time (EoT) claims with real work examples. An important component of this subject is understanding the role and responsibility of an expert witness, managing expert appointments effectively, acquiring skills when compiling comprehensive expert reports and delivering expert evidence to tribunals. Students will have opportunities to expand their skills through professional practice tasks.

**School** Eng, Design & Built Env

**Discipline** Building Construction Management

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 2 10cp

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**Level** Postgraduate Coursework Level 5 subject

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in the following programs:

3795 Master of Construction Law

3752 Master of Project Management

## Learning Outcomes

1. Integrate legal principles and knowledge in relation to Claims and in solving practical problem cases
2. Assess different types of Claims in the industry and their underlining principles
3. Critically evaluate different tools used to analyse Construction Claims from both time and cost perspectives
4. Articulate specialised legal and technical skills in writing comprehensive professional reports
5. Appraise the roles and responsibilities of the expert witness and procedural requirements in providing expert evidence
6. Communicate in an effective and convincing manner in delivering expert evidence to tribunals and other legal contexts

## Subject Content

1. Contractual Procedures relating to Claims
2. Basic Principles in Claims
3. Extension of Time Claims
4. Delay Analysis Methods
5. Quantum
6. Claims Presentation
7. Disruption Claims and Global Claims
8. Other Claims
9. Expert Witness

## Special Requirements

Essential equipment

Access to MS Project Software

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Professional Task	8000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	30 minutes	20	N	Individual	Y
Presentation	5 minutes	20	N	Individual	Y
Professional Task	2500 words	30	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

## Spring (2025)

### Online

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