



Certificate in Planning Enforcement

We have 2 intakes running:

May 2026 & September 2027 (dates on last page)

The course is aimed at both new and more seasoned planning enforcement officers and aims to provide a thorough grounding in the legal and practical aspects of planning enforcement.

The course provides officers with a thorough grounding in the principles behind their planning enforcement powers and, through case studies and small group work, examples of the exercise of those powers in practice and the pitfalls and strategies which can be employed.

Training involves a mixture of taught (online) classes, case studies and small group work and we aim to make the training days as intensive and immersive as possible.

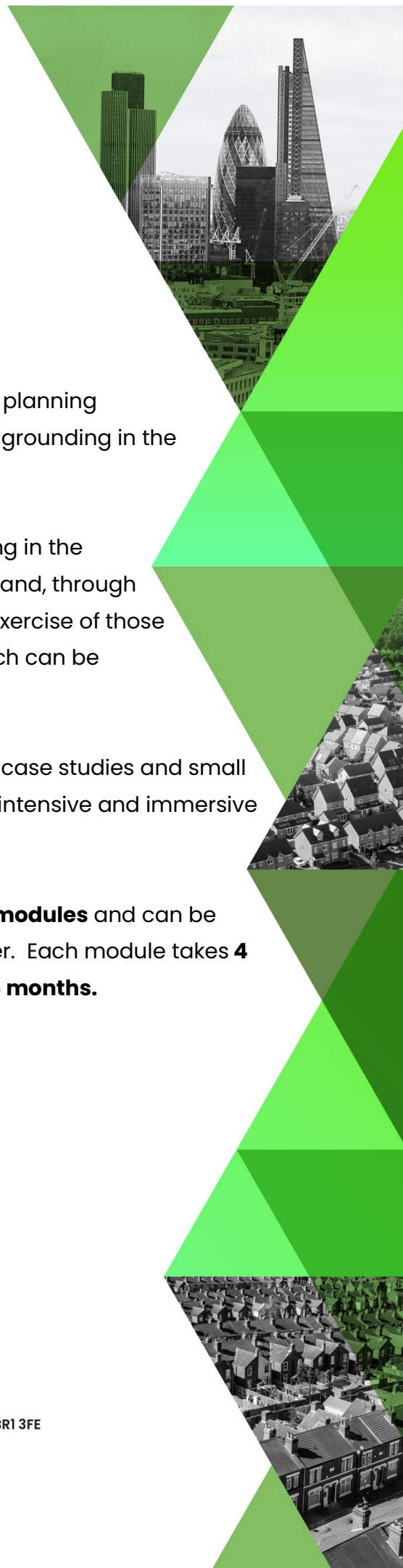
The Certificate in Planning Enforcement consists of **4 modules** and can be completed consecutively or, exceptionally, out of order. Each module takes **4 months** to complete, and the certificate duration is **16 months**.

The structure for all 4 modules each consists of

- A self-study component
- Completion of a quiz
- Attendance of two on-line training days
- Submission of an essay

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Module 1 (Residential*)

Introduction and principles of planning enforcement

Development, permission, immunity and expediency

Investigation powers, entry powers, safe working practices, sources of information

Negotiation and effective enforcement

Module 2 (Virtual)

Enforcement Notices and Breach of Condition notices – basis for issue, delegated powers, notice requirements, identifying the breach, identifying the steps, service and registration requirements.

Getting the notice and report right

Module 3 (Virtual)

Appeals – preparation at notice stage, how to defend the appeal, different processes, roles of planning enforcement officer and/or advocate, evidence rules, practical application of the burden of proof.

Prosecutions – the offences, rules of evidence, how to write summons and witness statement, how to give evidence

Court challenges – s288 and 289 reviews and residual judicial review, nullity

Module 4 (Virtual)

Specialisms – trees, listed buildings and adverts

Specialist subjects, including gypsy & traveller cases, outbuildings, shisha, kiosks

Cost: £1500 plus VAT per module

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Dates:

Intake	Module	Dates
May 2026	Module2	Starting in September 2026 Training dates on 8 & 9 October 2026
	Module3	Starting in January 2027 Training days on 4 & 5 February 2027
	Module4	Starting in May 2027 Training dates on 10 & 11 June 2027
September 2027	Module 1	Starting in September 2027 Training days on 14 & 15 October 2027
	Module2	Starting in January 2028 Training dates on 3 & 4 February 2028
	Module3	Starting in May 2028 Training days on 8 & 9 June 2028
	Module4	Starting in September 2028 Training dates on 12 & 13 October 2028

View online:



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