

Seminar | Wednesday 29 November 2023

1.5 HRS  
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## The UK's Duty-holding Regime: A Game Changer for the Construction Sector

19:00-20:30 HKT

Venue | UG-06, UG/F, PolyU Hung Hom Bay Campus,  
8 Hung Lok Road, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Medium of language: English

### Brief content:

Following the Grenfell Tower fire in June 2017, the UK construction sector has been subject to an unprecedented scale of regulatory reform to ensure that buildings are safe for the people who live and work in them.

The changes have included the introduction of a duty-holding regime which now places legal responsibilities on clients, designers, and contractors (who work on higher-risk buildings) to demonstrate that they are competent to undertake their roles.

This new competence requirement will underpin the transformation of UK construction; by ensuring safer outcomes, the changes could help to address longstanding structural problems that currently plague construction industries around the world.

In this wide-ranging talk, CABE Technical Director, Richard Harral BA BArch FCABE RIBA, will discuss how the requirements for competence were identified, the legal requirements in the Building Safety Act (2022) that were introduced to mandate industry reform and how these are being implemented in practice. This presentation will also include consideration of the structure of the industry, its culture and behaviour.

**FREE EVENT | Limited seats available** (CABE Members and local Academic Partners will be given priority)

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# Speaker:

## Richard Harral

Technical Director, CABE

Richard is the Technical Director for CABE. He has previously worked as an architect in both public and private sector practice, and as a policy official in the Building Regulations Division of MHCLG between 2007 and 2014 where he oversaw introduction of policies on accessible housing, security standards, broadband and the national space standard for new homes. He was subsequently Head of Technical Policy in the period 2014-2017.

He currently sits as a member of the Building Safety Regulator's Industry Competence Committee and chairs CPB-1, the British Standards committee on competence in the Built Environment. He was Technical author for Flex 8670, the recently published British Standard on core criteria for building safety in Built environment competence frameworks.



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