# Bolting and Reinforcement Design Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| **Category** | General Training | **Duration** | 5 Days |
| **Base Fee** | $1,500 USD | **Delivery Mode** | Online / On-site Hybrid |

## Course Introduction

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**Course Objectives**

1. Conduct precise Rock Mass Rating (RMR) and Geological Strength Index (GSI) evaluations to inform reinforcement parameters.
2. Master the mechanics of Load-Transfer Mechanisms in fully grouted rock bolts under tensile and shear stresses.
3. Utilize Kinematic Analysis via stereonet projections to predict wedge failures in blocky rock masses.
4. Optimize Corrosion Mitigation Strategies for long-term structural integrity in aggressive groundwater environments.
5. Apply Finite Element Method (FEM) and FLAC/3D numerical modeling for deep, high-stress mining layouts.
6. Design high-capacity Dynamic Rock Burst Attenuation systems using energy-absorbing yield bolts.
7. Formulate rigorous Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) protocols, including destructive pull-testing.
8. Evaluate the performance of Fiber-Reinforced Shotcrete (FRS) acting in synergy with rock bolting arrays.
9. Implement Digital Twin Telemetry and real-time fiber-optic strain monitoring within support systems.
10. Mitigate Squeezing Ground Conditions in weak rock masses using yielding support elements.
11. Design robust Anatomy of Anchorages for post-tensioned cable bolts in large-span caverns.
12. Align all reinforcement designs with international regulatory frameworks, including Eurocode 7 and ASTM/ISRM standards.
13. Conduct comprehensive Cost-Benefit and Risk Optimization Analyses to balance project economics with structural safety.

**Target Audience**

- Geotechnical Engineers
- Rock Mechanics Engineers
- Mining Engineers
- Tunneling and Civil Infrastructure Engineers
- Structural Engineers.
- QA/QC Inspections Specialists & Auditors.
- Project Managers & Asset Owners
- Principal Engineering Consultants

**Course Modules**

**Module 1: Geomechanics and Rock Mass Characterization**

- Advanced application of **RMR, Q-system, and GSI** classification frameworks.
- In-situ stress field estimation using overcoring and hydraulic fracturing data.
- Stereographic projection for **Kinematic Wedge Analysis** of jointed rock faces.
- Shear strength evaluation of discontinuities using the **Barton-Bandis criterion**.
- *Case Study:* Discontinuity mapping and failure prediction for the Gotthard Base Tunnel alignment.

**Module 2: Mechanics of Rock Bolting & Reinforcement Elements**

- Differentiation between active and passive systems.
- Load-transfer mechanics along the **bolt-grout-rock interface**.
- Performance metrics of mechanically anchored, friction, and resin-bonded bolts.
- Metallurgical properties and yield limits of high-tensile steel under complex loading.
- *Case Study:* Failure analysis of friction bolt corrosion in an acidic Australian gold mine.

**Module 3: High-Stress Environments and Dynamic Support Design**

- Mechanics of **Rock Bursts** and strain energy release in ultra-deep excavations.
- Design principles for energy-absorbing yielding rock bolts .
- Mesh selection and integration for dynamic surface retention.
- Numerical evaluation of dynamic energy demand versus support capacity.
- *Case Study:* Implementation of yielding support systems in the deep levels of the South African Witwatersrand Basin.

**Module 4: Cable Bolting for Large-Span Excavations**

- Anatomy and configuration of multi-strand **post-tensioned cable bolts**.
- Grout mix design, rheology, and top-down/bottom-up grouting technologies.
- Mechanized installation workflows and safety protocols for high-back caverns.
- Internal versus external anchor zones and load-shedding behaviors.
- *Case Study:* Cable bolt optimization for the massive underground powerhouse cavern of a pumped-storage hydro project.

**Module 5: Integrated Shotcrete and Surface Support Systems**

- Mechanics of **Fiber-Reinforced Shotcrete (FRS)** and rock bolt interaction.
- Energy absorption testing.
- Early-age strength development and structural lining thickness optimization.
- Admixtures, accelerators, and spraying methodologies to reduce rebound and voids.
- *Case Study:* Designing a composite shotcrete-and-bolt canopy for an alpine highway tunnel squeezing zone.

**Module 6: Numerical Modeling and Computer-Aided Design**

- Introduction to continuous (**FLAC, PLAXIS**) and discontinuous (**UDEC, 3DEC**) modeling for support verification.
- Simulating rock bolt elements via structural liners and pile formulations.
- Boundary condition definition and constitutive model selection.
- Iterative optimization of bolt spacing, length, and orientation using digital simulations.
- *Case Study:* Verification of a multi-stage subway station excavation support system using 3D finite element analysis.

**Module 7: QA/QC, Instrumentation, and Digital Telemetry**

- Protocol formulation for destructive and non-destructive **Pull-Testing**.
- Installation of smart bolts embedded with **Fiber-Bragg Grating (FBG)** sensors.
- Interpreting vibrating-wire load cell and borehole extensometer data telemetry.
- Non-destructive integrity testing of grout columns using acoustic/ultrasonic waves.
- *Case Study:* Real-time deformation tracking and automated hazard alerts during the excavation of an urban rail transit hub.

**Module 8: Asset Lifecycle Management, Corrosion, and Remediation**

- Environmental degradation mechanisms and **microbially induced corrosion (MIC)**.
- Selection of double-corrosion protection (DCP) systems for 100-year design life.
- Forensic engineering techniques for identifying compromised reinforcement.
- Rehabilitation strategies, including supplementary bolting and structural lining retrofits.
- *Case Study:* Remediation and structural retrofitting of a century-old rail tunnel suffering from structural lining degradation.

## Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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***Certification***

*Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.*

***Tailor-Made Course***

*We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.*

**Key Notes**

**a.** The participant must be conversant with English.

**b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

**c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

**d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

**e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

**f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

## Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

| Start Date | End Date | Location | Price |
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| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Online | $1,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $1,500 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $3,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $3,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $6,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $4,500 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $6,000 |
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