Training course on Leasehold vs. Freehold Investment Analysis

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental **legal and economic differences between freehold and leasehold** property ownership.
2. Differentiate the **rights, responsibilities, and liabilities** of freeholders (landlords) and leaseholders (tenants).
3. Comprehend the components and implications of a **lease agreement**, including ground rent, service charges, and covenants.
4. Master **valuation methodologies specifically adapted for freehold properties**, utilizing various income and comparative approaches.
5. Develop expertise in **valuing leasehold interests** by accurately accounting for diminishing terms, ground rent, and reversionary factors.
6. Formulate comprehensive understanding of **valuing freehold reversionary interests** (the landlord's perspective of a leasehold property).

7. Implement sophisticated **cash flow modeling techniques** that capture the unique financial characteristics of both leasehold and freehold assets.
8. Apply rigorous **risk assessment frameworks** to identify and mitigate risks inherent in each ownership structure (e.g., lease expiry risk, ground rent review risk).
9. Analyze the **financing and lending considerations** that differ for leasehold and freehold properties.
10. Understand the **tax implications** that vary between leasehold and freehold investments for both owners and occupiers.
11. Explore **strategic investment approaches and exit strategies** tailored to the characteristics of leasehold and freehold properties, including leasehold enfranchisement.
12. Evaluate **current market trends and legislative changes** impacting leasehold and freehold valuations globally.
13. Position themselves as expert analysts capable of making informed investment and valuation decisions across diverse real estate ownership structures.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals involved in real estate investment, valuation, and legal advisory:

1. **Real Estate Investors & Developers:** Evaluating acquisition opportunities under different ownership types.
2. **Real Estate Valuers & Appraisers:** Specializing in complex property valuations.
3. **Financial Analysts & Portfolio Managers:** Modeling and assessing real estate assets.
4. **Property Managers:** Understanding the financial and operational implications of ownership.
5. **Real Estate Attorneys:** Drafting and interpreting lease agreements and title documents.
6. **Lending Professionals:** Assessing risk and structuring finance for various property types.
7. **High-Net-Worth Individuals & Family Offices:** Making informed decisions on property acquisition.
8. **Students and Academics:** Deepening knowledge in advanced real estate finance.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamental Concepts of Property Ownership

- Defining Freehold Ownership: Absolute Title, Rights, and Responsibilities.
- Defining Leasehold Ownership: Derivative Interest, Fixed Term, Tenant's Rights, Landlord's Reversion.
- Historical Context and Evolution of Leasehold and Freehold Systems.
- The Concept of the "Legal Estate" vs. "Beneficial Interest."
- Global Variations in Property Ownership Structures (e.g., Common Law vs. Civil Law Jurisdictions).

Module 2: Legal Frameworks and Ownership Rights

- Detailed Examination of Property Title and Registration Systems.
- Key Legal Documents: Freehold Deeds vs. Lease Agreements.
- Rights and Obligations of the Freeholder (Landlord): Collection of Ground Rent, Enforcement of Covenants.
- Rights and Obligations of the Leaseholder (Tenant): Payment of Rent/Charges, Adherence to Covenants, Rights of Renewal/Enfranchisement.
- Easements, Covenants, and Restrictions Affecting Both Ownership Types.

Module 3: Leasehold Specifics: Ground Rent, Service Charges, and Covenants

- **Ground Rent:** Fixed, Escalating, Review Mechanisms, Peppercorn Rent.
- **Service Charges:** Management Fees, Maintenance, Insurance, Reserve Funds.
- Statutory Controls and Regulations on Ground Rent and Service Charges.
- **Leasehold Covenants:** Positive vs. Restrictive Covenants, Their Impact on Use and Value.
- Breach of Covenants and Remedies (Forfeiture, Damages).

Module 4: Valuation of Freehold Properties (Advanced Income Approach)

- Review of Traditional Valuation Approaches for Freehold: Sales Comparison, Cost, Income Capitalization.
- **Direct Capitalization:** Advanced Methods for Extracting and Applying Overall Capitalization Rates (Cap Rates).
- **Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) for Freehold:** Multi-year Cash Flow Projections (PGI, EGI, NOI), Terminal Value, Discount Rate Selection.
- Impact of Perpetuity and Infinite Ownership on Freehold Valuation.
- Case Studies: Valuing Diverse Freehold Commercial and Residential Assets.

Module 5: Valuation of Leasehold Interests (Tenant's Perspective)

- Challenges in Valuing Leasehold Interests: Diminishing Asset, Remaining Lease Term.
- Impact of Short Leases on Value and Marketability.
- Methods for Valuing Leasehold Interests:
    - **Income Capitalization:** Adjusting for Ground Rent and Lease Terms.
    - **Comparison Approach:** Analyzing Comparable Leasehold Sales.
- Impact of Lease Clauses on Leasehold Value (e.g., Rent Review Clauses, Break Clauses).
- Modeling Leasehold Cash Flows: Incorporating Ground Rent Payments.

Module 6: Valuation of Freehold Reversionary Interests (Landlord's Perspective)

- Understanding the Freeholder's (Landlord's) Interest: Right to Receive Ground Rent and Reversion to Possession.
- Valuing the Ground Rent Income Stream: Capitalizing the Ground Rent.
- Valuing the Reversion: Estimating the Value of the Property at Lease Expiry.
- The Marriage Value Concept in Leasehold Enfranchisement.
- Analyzing the Impact of Lease Extensions on Freehold Reversionary Value.

Module 7: Advanced Financial Modeling for Both Structures

- Building Integrated Financial Models to Compare Leasehold and Freehold Investment Returns.
- Detailed Cash Flow Projections for Both Freeholder and Leaseholder Perspectives.
- Incorporating Specific Costs: Stamp Duty, Legal Fees, Lender Fees, Lease Extension Costs, Service Charges.
- Analyzing Key Investment Metrics: IRR, Equity Multiple, Cash-on-Cash Return for both.
- Sensitivity Analysis and Scenario Planning for Leasehold vs. Freehold.

Module 8: Risk Assessment and Mitigation

- **Risks Specific to Leasehold:** Lease Expiry Risk, Ground Rent Review Risk, Service Charge Volatility, Landlord Control.
- **Risks Specific to Freehold:** Development Risk, Market Downturns, Maintenance Burden, Obsolescence.
- Legal and Regulatory Risks for Both Ownership Types.

- Operational Risks in Managing Leasehold vs. Freehold Properties.
- Strategies for Mitigating Identified Risks (e.g., Leasehold Enfranchisement, Insurance).

Module 9: Financing and Lending Considerations

- How Lenders View Leasehold vs. Freehold Collateral.
- Impact of Remaining Lease Term on Mortgage Availability and Loan Terms for Leasehold Properties.
- Higher Loan-to-Value (LTV) Ratios Typically for Freehold.
- Specific Lender Requirements and Covenants for Leasehold Mortgages.
- Refinancing Options and Challenges for Each Ownership Type.

Module 10: Taxation and Accounting Implications

- **Property Taxes:** Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT), Council Tax/Property Tax (Vary by jurisdiction).
- **Capital Gains Tax (CGT):** Applicable to both, but different cost bases and deductions.
- **Income Tax:** Treatment of Rental Income, Ground Rent Received/Paid.
- **VAT (Value Added Tax):** Applicability to Commercial Leasehold and New Freehold Properties.
- Accounting Treatment of Leases (e.g., IFRS 16 / ASC 842) and its impact on Leaseholder balance sheets.
- Tax Planning Strategies for Both Freehold and Leasehold Investments.

Module 11: Investment Strategies and Exit Planning

- Acquisition Strategies: Direct Purchase vs. Leasehold Acquisition, Sale-and-Leaseback.
- **Leasehold Enfranchisement:** The Process of Extending a Lease or Purchasing the Freehold (Individual and Collective).
- Exit Strategies for Leasehold Property: Assignment, Subletting, Surrender, Sale.
- Exit Strategies for Freehold Property: Direct Sale, Development, Refinancing.
- Analyzing Optimal Holding Periods for Each Ownership Type.

Module 12: Case Studies, Global Perspectives & Emerging Trends

- Real-world Case Studies Comparing Investment Outcomes for Leasehold and Freehold Assets.
- Analysis of Recent Legislative Changes (e.g., UK Leasehold Reform Act) and Their Impact on Value and Rights.
- Global Variations: Leasehold Systems in Different Countries (e.g., Asia, Europe, Middle East).
- The Rise of Commonhold and Other Hybrid Ownership Models.
- Future Trends in Property Ownership and Investment Structures.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
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