

GEO Grounding

AECOM's Ground Engineering
Technical Training Academy

What is GEO Grounding?

AECOM's **in-house Ground Engineering Technical Training Academy**, designed to help you transition from university and apply your education to real-world problems. Topics are aligned with core competencies required within the geotechnical sector.

GEO Grounding utilises the **significant body of expertise across Ground Engineering's nationwide team**, with training developed and delivered by our in-house subject matter experts.

It was shortlisted in the **Ground Engineering Awards 2025** Excellence in Learning and Development category.

Technical training topics include:

- Desk study and site reconnaissance
- Ground investigation design
- Ground investigation supervision
- Geotechnical laboratory testing
- Geological interpretation
- Aggressive ground assessment
- Geotechnical parametric assessment
- Ground model design
- Slope stability
- Retaining wall design

.....and the list of topics is growing!



What is the format of GEO Grounding?

- **Pre-recorded modules** available for on-demand review, stored within our in-house learning portal, AECOM University.
- **Group homework assignments** designed to enable you to apply your knowledge gained from the modules.
- Live **post-module discussion workshops** covering the module content and homework assignments outputs.

How will you benefit from GEO Grounding?

- It supports career development.
- It improves group presentation skills.
- It aids development of critical technical skills.
- It facilitates collaboration with peers within the national ground engineering team.

Example Course Assignment – Ground Modelling

Course Assignment – Cross Section

Reminder of the task:

- Produce a geological cross section for the site.
- Produce an inset (zoomed in) cross section providing more detail on the anticipated ground conditions beneath proposed building.



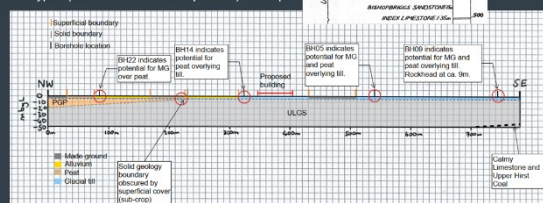
Course Assignment Task: Produce a geological cross section across a site.

Course Assignment

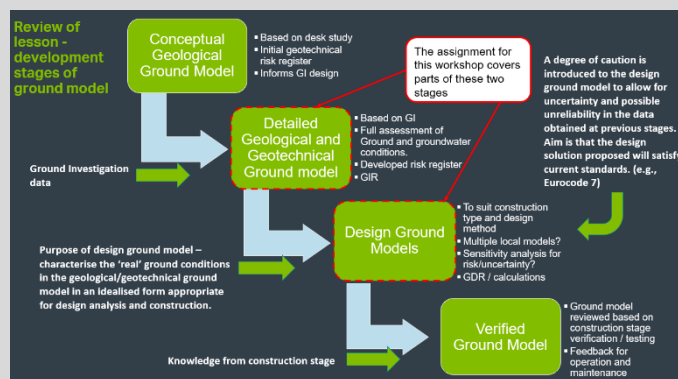
Step 6: Add geological information to section.

Add youngest deposits first then work back:

- Drift / superficial cover (inc. thickness)
- Faults (if present) – N/A
- Rock types (and mineral seams if present) and dip



Course Assignment: Step-by-step guidance on producing the geological section.



Lesson Review: Review of the stages to develop a geotechnical ground model.

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The entire module was excellent. I appreciated the inclusion of links and detailed list of reference sites, along with instructions on how to access them.

GEO Grounding Attendee (2025)