

A Guide to CSCS Cards



**YOUR
business**



DO YOU CARRY OUT WORK ON CONSTRUCTION SITES?

NO

Do you visit construction sites?

YES

NO

The site rules may require you to have a yellow **ESCORTED SITE VISITOR** card
You must have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

Do you need a CSCS card as you are not working on a construction site?
Call the CSCS Contact Centre for advice on **0344 994 4777**

Do you have a CSCS card?

YES

NO

Is your current card a green **CONSTRUCTION SITE OPERATIVE** card?

YES

NO

Is your card the right card for your occupation?
<http://www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder> to find the correct card

NO

Ensure you pass your **HS&E Test** and renew your card in plenty of time

Are you a labourer?

NO

YES

LABOURER

You must have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years
Achieve a CSCS recognised health and safety qualification such as:

The **QCF/SQCF Level 1 Award Health and Safety in a Construction Environment**

OR

The one day **Site Safety plus Health and Safety Awareness Course**. A full list of courses is available at www.cscs.uk.com/greencard

Apply for (or renew) a green **LABOURER** card
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

SKILLED WORKER

You must have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years
Apply for the correct CSCS card relevant to your qualification(s) and occupation (Level 2 - Blue **SKILLED WORKER**, Level 3 - Gold **ADVANCED CRAFT/SUPERVISORY** or Level 4 or 5 - Black **MANAGER** card)
Visit www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder to find the correct card and **HS&E Test**
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

ACADEMICALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED PERSON

You must have passed the **Managers and Professionals HS&E Test** within the last 2 years
Apply for the correct CSCS card relevant to your qualification(s) or membership
Visit <http://www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder> to find the correct card
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

NOTES

- Different occupations and levels of cards require different H&SE tests. It is important that you book and take the right test.
- To find the right test for your occupation, visit www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder
- All HS&E tests cost £17.50
- All CSCS cards cost £30
- Card applications can be made by telephone on **0344 994 4777** and paid for by credit or debit card. Applications by telephone are processed by the next working day.
- Card applications can also be made by post. Download an application form from <http://www.cscs.uk.com/Downloads/application-forms> and pay by cheque. Such applications via post are processed within 30 days.
- The CSCS Contact Centre can be contacted by calling **0344 994 4777**

Do you hold a qualification or are you a member of a professional body relevant to your job or occupation that is recognised by CSCS?

Academic qualification or member of a professional body

YES

NO

Are you registered (or could you register) for an industry recognised apprenticeship scheme?

YES

NO

Do you have on the job experience of at least 1 year in the last 3 years?

YES

NO

Are you new to construction?

YES

NO

Call the CSCS Contact Centre on **0344 994 4777** to find the right qualification for your job or occupation
YOU MAY FIND THAT YOU CANNOT GAIN ACCESS TO CONSTRUCTION SITES WITHOUT THE RIGHT CSCS CARD

APPRENTICE

You must be registered on an industry-recognised apprenticeship scheme and have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years (unless you have already completed a one-day health, safety and awareness course as part of your apprenticeship induction)
Apply for a red **APPRENTICE** card
VALID FOR 4 YEARS - NON RENEWABLE
You will need to complete your Apprenticeship prior to your card expiring

EXPERIENCED WORKER

You must have passed the relevant **HS&E test** within the last 2 years
Register for the appropriate **NVQ** or **SVQ** for your occupation. Where there is none, you should contact the CSCS Contact Centre on **0344 994 4777**
Apply for a red **EXPERIENCED WORKER** card
VALID FOR 12 MONTHS - NON RENEWABLE
You will need to achieve the relevant **NVQ** or **SVQ** prior to your card expiring

EXPERIENCED TECHNICIAN, SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER

You must have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years
Register for the appropriate **NVQ** or **SVQ** for your occupation
Where there is none, you should contact the CSCS Contact Centre on **0344 994 4777**
Apply for a red **EXPERIENCED TECHNICIAN, SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER** card
VALID FOR 3 YEARS - NON RENEWABLE
You will need to complete the relevant **NVQ** or **SVQ** prior to your card expiring

TRAINEE (CRAFT AND OPERATIVE)

You must have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years (unless you have attended a CSCS recognised health and safety course)
Register for the appropriate **NVQ** or **SVQ**
Apply for a red **TRAINEE (CRAFT AND OPERATIVE)** card
VALID FOR 3 YEARS - NON RENEWABLE
You will need to achieve the relevant **NVQ** or **SVQ** prior to your card expiring

TRAINEE (TECHNICAL, SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT)

You must have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years (unless you have attended a CSCS recognised health and safety course)
Apply for a red **TRAINEE (TECHNICAL, SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT)** card
VALID FOR 3 YEARS - RENEWABLE ONCE
You will need to achieve the relevant qualification prior to your card expiring

PROVISIONAL

You must have passed the relevant **HS&E Test** within the last 2 years
Apply for a red **PROVISIONAL** card
VALID FOR 6 MONTHS - NON RENEWABLE
You will need to register for, or achieve an industry recognised qualification prior to your card expiring

Craft Occupation

Supervisory or Management occupation

Craft occupation

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On probation or work experience