



A quick guide to CSCS



Check
qualifications



Check
identity



Manage training
records



Tackle
fraud



Time & attendance
recording



Access
control

What?

CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) is the leading certification card scheme for construction. Since it was established in 1995 the Scheme has developed to meet the changing needs of the industry and there are now over 2 million cardholders.



Who?

Most major contractors and homebuilders require workers on their sites to hold a valid CSCS card as a means to certify their qualifications and training. It is important that you hold the right CSCS card for the type of work you undertake. If you do not have a card, or hold the wrong card, access to construction sites may be denied.



Why?

CSCS cards provide a means to verify that people who work on construction sites have the necessary training and qualifications for the type of work they carry out. The Scheme keeps a database of those working in construction who have, or are committed to achieving, a recognised construction related qualification.

Having a CSCS card verifies your identity and shows employers that you have the required qualifications, training and experience to carry out your work on a construction site.

It is vital that construction contractors and clients use a consistent method to check workers' CSCS cards before allowing them on site. Often this has meant a combination of scanning, photocopying or manually recording cardholders' details. However, by using smart technology built into CSCS cards and with an inexpensive card reader, smartphones or tablet devices, cards can be checked and data recorded within seconds.

CSCS cards can be used for many purposes beyond just checking and storing site workers' identification and qualifications, including access control and recording onsite training sessions. The ability for your CSCS SmartCard to be used for a host of additional applications means that this could be the only work related card you need to carry.

The CSCS Board

CSCS Board Directors come from:



Construction Industry Council
www.cic.org.uk



Construction Clients' Group
www.constructingexcellence.org.uk



Civil Engineering Contractors Association
www.ceca.co.uk



Federation of Master Builders
www.fmb.org.uk



GMB Union
www.gmb.org.uk



Build UK
www.builduk.org



Unite the Union
www.unitetheunion.com



Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians
www.ucatt.org.uk

Which card is right for you?

There is a wide range of cards covering hundreds of construction related occupations.

Check which card you should apply for by visiting www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder

Most card applicants must pass the relevant CITB Health, Safety and Environment Test.



Provisional
(temporary card)



Trainee



Apprentice



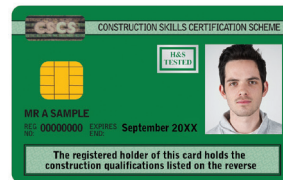
Experienced Worker



**Experienced Technical,
Supervisor or Manager**



Labourer



Basic Skills



Skilled



Advanced Craft



Supervisory



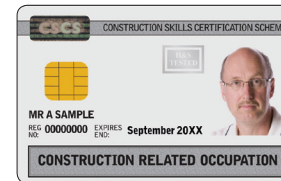
Management



Professionally Qualified Person



Academically Qualified Person



Construction Related Occupation
(available only until April 2017)



Visitor
(no construction skills)

Partner Card Schemes

CSCS works closely with a number of card schemes which carry the CSCS logo. To apply for any of these cards, contact the relevant organisation directly.

Scheme		Occupations covered	Telephone	Website
ACE		Engineering Construction Workers	0192 326 0000	www.ecitb.org.uk
CCDO		Demolition Workers	01442 217 144	www.ndtg.org
CISRS		Scaffolders	0844 815 7223	www.cisrs.org.uk
CPCS		Plant Operators	0844 815 7274	www.cskills.org/cpcs
CSR		Cards issued in Northern Ireland	0289 087 7150	www.cefni.co.uk
ECS		Electricians	01322 661 600 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) 0131 445 9216 (Scotland)	www.ecscard.org.uk www.sjib.org.uk
EUSR		Utility Industry Workers	0845 077 9922	www.eusr.co.uk
JIBPMES		Plumbers	0148 047 6925	www.jibpmes.org
SNIJIB		Plumbers in Scotland and Northern Ireland	0131 556 0600	www.snijib.org
SKILLcard		Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Workers	0176 886 0406	www.skillcard.org.uk
DSA		Drilling and Sawing Contractors	0844 879 3452	www.drillandsaw.org.uk

Other card schemes are in the process of applying to carry the CSCS logo on their cards. We look forward to updating this list as other schemes meet the requirements to display the CSCS logo on their cards.

How?

There are two main ways to apply for a CSCS card:

1. Individual Application

Call the CSCS Contact Centre on 0344 994 4777. You will be asked about your job, what construction related qualifications you have achieved and if you belong to a recognised professional body.

You will need to provide your name, home address, date of birth and National Insurance number and have a credit or debit card to pay for the CSCS card and the CITB test.

You will be advised about which is the right CSCS card for the type of work you carry out and which level of the CITB's Health, Safety and Environment Test you need to book.

Alternatively download an application form from the CSCS website and then complete and return it with the required documentation and payment.

2. Employer Application

If you are an employer and wish to apply on behalf of your employees then visit www.cscs.uk.com/employer to complete an Employer Application form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A CSCS CARD COSTS £30 AND THE CITB HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT TEST IS £19.50. THERE ARE COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE UNOFFICIAL CSCS CARD APPLICATION AND TEST BOOKING SERVICES. BEFORE USING THESE COMPANIES CHECK WHAT THEY WILL CHARGE YOU AND WHETHER YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THIS COST.



How much?

**The CSCS card costs £30.00.
The CITB Health and Safety Test costs £19.50.**

What if?

If you move house or change occupation you should call the CSCS Contact Centre on 0344 994 4777 or the Partner Card scheme that issued your card.



PO Box 114
Bircham Newton
King's Lynn
Norfolk
PE31 6XD
Tel: 0344 994 4777
Email: customerservice@cscs.gb.com
www.cscs.uk.com



CSCS is owned and managed by
Construction Skills Certification Scheme Limited.

The Scheme's application processing and contact
centre service is delivered under contract by CITB.

This publication is for guidance only.
All information correct at time of publication.