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Dear colleague

Construction Leadership Council Action – One Industry Logo

I am writing on behalf of the Strategic Forum for Construction and as a member of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC).

As I am sure you are aware there is an action within the *Industrial Strategy: Construction 2025* to identify one card scheme which will be promoted through public procurement.

The objective of this action within Construction 2025 is to provide clients, employers and contractors with a consistent means of recognising that an individual has achieved the agreed standard of qualification and skill in the occupation they are working in and to give the industry confidence in that brand.

At its meeting on 26 November 2014 the CLC considered proposals relating to this action and agreed that from January 2015 the industry, including trade associations, contractors, clients and government should specify and promote card schemes carrying the CSCS logo with no equivalents accepted

There is no intention to create a monopoly scheme and the full detail of this decision is on page 2 of this letter.

I shall be working with members of the Construction Leadership Council to ensure that all those affected by this decision are made aware of the proposals and I look forward to working with you to implement this action in accordance with the timescales set out.

If you require any further information from me please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Tony Burton

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On Behalf of:

Construction Alliance
Construction Clients' Group
Construction Industry Council
Construction Products Association
National Specialist Contractors' Council
Specialist Engineering Contractors' Group

Decisions made by the Construction Leadership Council in relation to the specification and promotion of industry card schemes

1. Rather than identifying one card scheme, the Construction Leadership agreed that from January 2015 the industry, including trade associations, contractors, clients and government should specify and promote card schemes carrying the CSCS logo with no equivalents accepted.

Card schemes carrying the CSCS logo will meet the following requirements:

- a. The appropriate qualification(s) for each occupation will be agreed between the sector representative organisation and its recognised standard setting body
 - b. The minimum standard for skilled occupations is a NVQ Level 2 qualification relevant to the occupation plus a separate health and safety element
 - c. Where an NVQ level 2 qualification is not available the sector representative organisation and the relevant standard setting body will specify the recognised equivalent qualification for the occupation
 - d. Cards for new entrants, apprentices, trainees, labourers or workers in the process of obtaining formal qualifications will be clearly and easily identifiable
 - e. A transition process to bring all existing cardholders up to the minimum standard by 2020 will be agreed and implemented
 - f. Schemes that cover occupations covered by Competent Person Schemes specifying MTCs or other Government specified standards will issue an appropriate card specifically for these occupations and relevant only to the domestic sector.
 - g. The scheme logos and the logo of the relevant standard setting body will feature on their cards or within any smart technology solution used.
 - h. A transition process to introduce smart technology by 2020 will be agreed and implemented
 - i. Additional scheme rules that do not compromise these requirements can be determined in conjunction with the relevant sector representative organisation.
2. Any new requirements related to qualifications within the construction industry will meet the minimum standards
 3. There will be clear industry agreed guidance on card requirements for different groups of workers including new entrants, non-construction personnel such as site visitors, machine maintenance personnel, delivery drivers etc.