

# A GUIDE TO CSCS CARDS

**DO YOU UNDERTAKE A CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATION ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE?**  
\*CSCS do not issue cards for non-construction related occupations. Visit [www.cscs.uk.com/card-finder](http://www.cscs.uk.com/card-finder) to see if you require a CSCS card.

NO

No card required

## 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 Health and Safety Awareness Course. A full list of courses is available at [www.cscs.uk.com/labourer](http://www.cscs.uk.com/labourer)  
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

YES

Are you a labourer?

YES

## 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 Awareness course as part of your apprenticeship induction)  
Apply for a red APPRENTICE card  
VALID FOR 4 AND A HALF YEARS - NON RENEWABLE  
You will need to complete your apprenticeship prior to your card expiring

NO

## EXPERIENCED WORKER

You must have passed the relevant HS&E test within the last 2 years  
Register for the appropriate qualification 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 qualification prior to your card expiring

## SKILLED WORKER

Construction Related S/NVQ level 2 or equivalent.  
You must have passed the relevant HS&E test within the last 2 years  
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

Occupational qualification

YES

Do you hold a level 2 or higher qualification or are you a member of a professional body that is recognised by CSCS?

NO

## EXPERIENCED TECHNICIAN, SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER

You must have passed the relevant HS&E Test within the last 2 years  
Register for the appropriate qualification 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 qualification prior to your card expiring

Supervisory or Management occupation

YES

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

NO

## SUPERVISOR

Construction Related Supervisory S/NVQ level 3 or 4 or equivalent.  
You must have passed the Supervisors' HS&E test within the last 2 years  
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

Supervisory qualification

## MANAGER

Construction Related Management S/NVQ level 5, 6, 7 or equivalent.  
You must have passed the Managers HS&E test within the last 2 years  
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

Managerial qualification

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

NO

## TRAINEE

You must have passed the operative HS&E Test within the last 2 years (unless you have attended a CSCS recognised health and safety course)  
Register for the appropriate qualification for your occupation  
Where there is none, contact the CSCS Contact Centre on **0344 994 4777**  
Apply for a red TRAINEE card VALID FOR 5 YEARS - NON RENEWABLE  
You will need to achieve the relevant qualification prior to your card expiring

Craft, Supervisory or Management occupation

YES

Are you new to construction?

On probation

## PROVISIONAL

You must have passed the operative 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

## ACADEMICALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED PERSON

You require a construction related Degree, HND/C or membership of a CSCS approved professional body  
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 [www.cscs.uk.com/aqp](http://www.cscs.uk.com/aqp) or [www.cscs.uk.com/ppq](http://www.cscs.uk.com/ppq) to find the correct card  
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

Academic qualification or member of a professional body

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

## 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](http://www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder)
- All HS&E tests cost £22.50
- All CSCS cards cost £36
- For AQP cards visit [www.cscs.uk.com/aqp](http://www.cscs.uk.com/aqp)
- For PQP cards visit [www.cscs.uk.com/ppq](http://www.cscs.uk.com/ppq)
- 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.
- For information on other routes to apply for a card visit [www.cscs.uk.com/apply](http://www.cscs.uk.com/apply)
- The CSCS Contact Centre can be contacted by calling **0344 994 4777**.