

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 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
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

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

ADVANCED CRAFT
Construction Related S/NVQ level 3 or equivalent.
You must have passed the relevant HS&E test within the last 2 years
VALID FOR 5 YEARS – RENEWABLE
Visit www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder to establish the correct card, HS&E test and exact qualification requirements for your occupation

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

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
Visit www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder to establish the correct card, HS&E test and exact qualification requirements for your occupation

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 or www.cscs.uk.com/ppq to find the correct card
VALID FOR 5 YEARS - RENEWABLE

YES → Are you a labourer?

YES → LABOURER

NO → Do you hold a level 2 or higher qualification or are you a member of a professional body that is recognised by CSCS?

YES → SKILLED WORKER / ADVANCED CRAFT

NO → Are you registered (or could you register) for an industry recognised apprenticeship scheme?

YES → APPRENTICE

NO → Do you have on the job experience of at least 1 year in the last 3 years?

YES → EXPERIENCED WORKER / EXPERIENCED TECHNICIAN, SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER

NO → Are you new to construction?

YES → PROVISIONAL

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 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

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

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

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

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

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 £21
- All CSCS cards cost £36
- For AQP cards visit www.cscs.uk.com/aqp
- For PQP cards visit 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
- The CSCS Contact Centre can be contacted by calling 0344 994 4777.