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**INDUSTRY CARD SCHEMES TO ROLL OUT SMART TECHNOLOGY**

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has updated its [Industry Card Schemes Recommendation](#), which requires the use of cards carrying the CSCS logo, to increase the uptake of smart technology.

The aim is to ensure a consistent approach across the industry so that the information held by cards can be easily accessed by sites of all sizes and used to improve building quality and safety.

CSCS Partner Card Schemes are at various stages of integrating smart technology and will be working with CSCS to determine the most effective means of meeting the CLC's requirement which is:

*By 31 March 2022, all card schemes must use smart technology which has the capability to electronically check agreed information relevant to a cardholder, using a common interface, without the need to manually enter data.*

The CLC recommendation has been adopted across the industry since its introduction in 2015. Sites are asked to use the technology available to ensure cards are genuine and that workers have the appropriate qualifications and training for the occupation they are undertaking.

With changes in apprenticeship standards across all four nations, the CLC recommendation has also been updated to confirm that these will be recognised by all CSCS Partner Schemes as an appropriate route to achieving a card:

*Nationally recognised apprenticeships in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will be accepted as meeting the minimum standard.*

**CLC Task Force Member Mark Reynolds said:**

*"The need to validate and verify the training, qualification, skills and competence of construction workers has been brought into sharp focus since the Grenfell Tower Fire. The CLC is keen to see technology used across the industry to enable everyone to access and use the information we hold to make better decisions.*

*"I would like to thank Build UK for carrying out and sharing the results of its annual Smartcard Audit, which identified the need to clarify the CLC recommendation, as well as CSCS and its Partner Schemes for their commitment and support to adopting smart technologies."*

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**Notes to Editors**

1. The [Construction Leadership Council \(CLC\)](#) works between industry and Government to identify and deliver actions supporting UK construction in building greater efficiency, skills and growth.
2. The CLC Industry Card Schemes Recommendation was published on 1 December 2020 and supersedes the versions published in January 2015 and November 2017.
3. [CSCS Partner Card Schemes](#) represent the very specialist sectors and are based on the same standards as CSCS, requiring cardholders to have a recognised qualification and pass a health and safety test.
4. The most recent Build UK [Smartcard Audit](#), supported by CECA, was undertaken in September 2019.