

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.