

# CSCS Cards

National Highways Sector Scheme 13, BBA HAPAS, RSTA Codes of Practice and most contractors and clients require proof of competence with up to date safety training, and this is provided by a CSCS card. All new and renewed CSCS cards are now “Smart Cards”. The cards list the holder’s qualifications and are valid from one to five years depending upon the type of card, and states when it is due for renewal.

The Smartcard includes a chip which stores the printed information, along with other details and can be read electronically, thus helping to prevent forgeries and helping to cut down the number of cards needing to be carried.

**All CSCS Cards requiring RSTA/RSDA endorsements must be applied for through the RSTA Assessment Centre. Please contact Lydia Vaux ([lvaux@rsta-uk.org](mailto:lvaux@rsta-uk.org) or 01206 274052) at the RSTA to ensure you get the appropriate RSTA/RSDA endorsed CSCS card required by the Sector Scheme!**

The following is a guide to the general CSCS cards required by RSTA contractors to be in compliance with Sector Schemes and RSTA Codes of Practices



This is for the new operative into the industry who you are training to be a skilled person. They need to register for the NVQ and complete within 3 years. This is the card you would also use if you decide to up-skill a labourer into a skilled hand.



This card is for the skilled operative who has missed industry accreditation. This would also be used if a new employee came to you as a known experienced operative without a CSCS card. They should be fully competent in the trade. They need to register for the NVQ and complete within 1 year. They then apply for the blue skilled worker card. **This card is not renewable**



This is for the operative who carries out labouring duties only. They do not operate specialist plant. They are also not skilled to install the surfacing. This would suit the “bucket men” and “mixer” operatives



This card is for the operative who has his NVQ Level 2, or has industry accreditation, and is valid for 5 years when he/she then has to retake the touch screen test.



This card is for the Supervisor who has his NVQ Level 3, or has industry accreditation, and is valid for 5 years when he/she then has to retake the touch screen test.



This is for supervisors and managers in the same context as the “Experienced Worker” red card above. Once registered for the relevant NVQ the person has 3 years to complete. They then apply for either the Gold Supervisor or Black Manager card. **Again the card is not renewable**



This card is for the manager who has his NVQ Level 4 or above) and is valid for 5 years when he/she then has to retake the touch screen test.

Full details of the CSCS scheme can be downloaded from:

CSCS Smart Card Introduction <http://www.cscs.uk.com/smartcards/how>

CSCS card application form [http://www.cscs.uk.com/upload\\_folder/pqp.pdf](http://www.cscs.uk.com/upload_folder/pqp.pdf)

CSCS Scheme booklet <http://cscs.uk.com/scheme-booklet/>

Quick Guide to CSCS [http://www.cscs.uk.com/upload\\_folder/cscsquickguideaugust2010.pdf](http://www.cscs.uk.com/upload_folder/cscsquickguideaugust2010.pdf)

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