

BUILD YOUR FUTURE

GET YOUR CSCS CARD NOW!



Time is running out – that’s the message from the Major Home Builders Group (MHBG) which consists of ten of the largest home builders in the UK and is reinforced by organisations such as the Major Contractors Group (MCG).

They have stated that by the end of 2007 only construction workers with a current CSCS card will be allowed on-site and it is not unusual for construction workers to be sent off-site now if they are not carded – **don’t let this happen to you!**

What is a CSCS card?

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) has been in existence for over 10 years and there are around one million cardholders. It is recognised by the industry as a way to identify that cardholders are competent and have an awareness of health and safety which leads to better quality and less accidents on-site.

How do you get one?

You will need to pass a touch screen health and safety test and have an appropriate qualification. If you don’t have a qualification, experienced workers can gain an NVQ by On-Site Assessment and Training (OSAT) which turns your skills and experience into a nationally recognised qualification. The whole process is carried out on-site so you don’t have to take time off to go to college! In some occupations, you can also gain your NVQ by the Experienced Worker Practical Assessment (EWPA) route if you have at least five years’ experience. This is done off-site and is the fast track to getting your full CSCS card.

You can access your funded NVQ Level 2* through the Train to Gain service if you meet the following criteria:

- you must be over the age of 19
- be a British citizen or resident in the EU for the last 3 years
- you should not already have a level 2 qualification or the equivalent which is 5 GCSEs at grades A – C or any of the qualifications listed over

* We can also fund NVQ Level 3 where this is appropriate. Please note: there may be additional charges levied by the training provider - you should ask your training provider about these.

What about Construction Plant Competence Scheme (CPCS) cards?

If you are a plant operator then you will need a CPCS card. If you meet the criteria above we can also fund NVQs in Plant Operations.

Interested - what happens next?

Answer the questions over and return the sheet to the office of the company you work for if appropriate, or you can send or fax to the Train to Gain team.

Information sources:

Skills Direct helpline: 0870 850 5262

www.citb-constructionskills.co.uk/skillsdirect

CSCS: 0870 4178777

www.cscs.uk.com

ConstructionSkills: 0844 844 0046

www.citb-constructionskills.co.uk

CPCS (Plant Operatives): 0870 4177274



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Tel: 08456 047 047 E-mail: traintogain@bldc.co.uk Web: www.traintogain.gov.uk Fax: 01752 770184

Please answer all of the following questions:

The name of the Company you work for (if appropriate)

Your name

Address

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Postcode Date of birth

Telephone Mobile No.

What NVQ do you want to do? If you are not sure, please tell us what job you do:

Do you hold or are you working towards any of the following (you must tick either yes or no):

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| An NVQ Level 2 or above | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| BTEC/SCOTVEC First or General Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| BEC General Certificate with Credit | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| BEC Diploma with Credit | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| C&G Higher Operative or Craft | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| GNVQ (Intermediate or above) | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| RSA Diploma or Pitman's Intermediate level 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| One or more subject at A Level or above | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| More than one subject at AS Level | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Five or more GCSEs or 'O' levels at grades A* to C | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Are you aged 19 or over? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Are you a British citizen or have you been resident in the EU for the last 3 years? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| Are you self-employed? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

Signed Date

I confirm that all the information on this form is correct and I declare that I do not already have a full Level 2 qualification or above. (If you have provided inaccurate information this may lead to funding being withdrawn).

We will use the information that we collect about you/the business for administration, research and customer service purposes and keep it for a reasonable period of time so as to enable us to contact you about our services.

You have a right to ask for a copy of the information that we hold and to correct any inaccuracies.

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