

Thinking Ahead?

CSCS Card

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What is a CSCS Card ?

CSCS is the leading skills certification scheme within the UK construction industry. CSCS card applicants need to prove they have the training and qualifications required to carry out their job and apply for the correct card for their occupation. The requirements can be checked by using the online [cardfinder](http://www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder) at: www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder which will also confirm which type of [CITB Health, safety and environment test](#) needs to be passed.

What is the purpose of a CSCS Card?

CSCS cards provide proof that individuals working on **construction sites** have the required training and qualifications for the type of work they carry out.

CSCS is not about competence... In the past many schemes, CSCS included, have been promoted as 'Competency' card schemes i.e. possession of a card automatically signifies the cardholder is competent to carry out a given task or job. Furthermore the industry has been keen to embrace this concept with cursory inspection of the card before individuals are allowed to work on site

How do I get into CSCS Card?

1. Pass the appropriate level CITB Health, safety and environment Test for your occupation. Find out which test you need to take by using the online [cardfinder](http://www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder) at: www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder
2. If you need to have passed a qualification to apply for a CSCS card please send a copy of your qualification to cscs@citb.co.uk. Find out which qualifications you need for your occupation by using the online [cardfinder](http://www.cscs.uk.com/cardfinder).
3. Call 0344 994 4777 and pay £30 using a credit or debit card. **Your CSCS card will be posted out to you on the next working day.**

Alternatively you can [download an application form](#), complete it and return it with the required documentation and payment. **Please note that postal applications can take up to 15 days.** Most cards arrive at their requested destination within 20 days of application. If your card has not been delivered to your requested destination within five weeks of your application, please contact CSCS. After 90s days your application will be considered closed and a further payment of £30 will be required to reprocess an application.

What are the effects on your job prospects in having a CSCS Card?

The **CSCS Card** isn't a legal requirement, but it has gained a firm foothold in the construction industry. The UK Contractors Group (UKCG), which you might also hear referred to as the "Major Contractors Group", requires its member contractors to enforce CSCS Card ownership, or ownership for equivalent cards where appropriate with their employees.

The UKCG is comprised of some of the biggest contractors in construction, so it's fair to say that if you don't want to hurt your prospects of getting jobs, you want to look into the Construction Skills Safety Scheme.

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