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CISRS card scheme reaches 50,000

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) now has more than 50,000 active card holders - the highest the scheme has achieved since its inception. During a recent series of independent reports carried out by Pye Tait, CISRS was praised for its rigorous approach to qualification through the combination of formal off-site training at approved training centres, on-site time served experience, S/NVQ assessment, practical skills tests and health and safety testing.

A full scheme review is now underway to ensure all relevant industry changes are incorporated into the core Part 1, Part 2 and Advanced programmes. The revised and standardised version of Part 1 has recently been issued (see below), while work on Part 2 begins next month.

CISRS scheme manager, David Mosley said: "To reach 50,000 current card holders is a great achievement, the numbers may not seem huge when compared to some other industry schemes, but we know that our cardholders have had to work hard to achieve their CISRS status and that they are part of a select few industry recognised competency card schemes."

Details on CISRS card courses, training changes following the introduction of TG20:13, dates of courses available and a list of approved training providers can be found at www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.



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NASC Apprentice of the Year award

Josh Kerwin of Mansfield-based Kaefer C&D has won NASC's inaugural Apprentice of the Year award. Kerwin received the trophy from NASC training director Dave Mosley and CITB specialist account coordinator Diane Wood, along with a certificate and £500 cash prize. Kaefer C&D was also awarded a trophy and £500 to spend on CISRS training. Dean Fry of Chris Sedgeman Scaffolding and Matt Wernham of Connect Scaffolding were runners-up.

The NASC says competition for next year's award should be particularly strong, thanks in part to its new apprenticeship challenge, which has generated more than 240 new scaffolding apprenticeships since November 2013. Those wishing to enter the NASC Apprentice of the Year 2015 award should go to the CISRS section in the members' area on the NASC website. Details will be available from September.



(L-R) Diane Wood
Josh Kerwin and
David Mosley



Principal contractors selecting NASC

UK principal contractors and major construction companies are increasingly stipulating that all scaffolding on their sites is carried out by NASC member companies. Many of these large construction companies are also joining NASC as information members.

An example of this is Wates Living Space, whose regional operations director, Tom Langley, said: "We see membership of NASC as a vital part of our commitment to zero harm, both to our workforce, our supply chain partners, and the communities we serve. It will support our approach to training for continuous high standards of scaffolding best practice."



NASC president Kevin Ward, added: "It is my hope that this decision by Wates Living Space may also act as a catalyst for other like-minded organisations to follow suit, whilst also encouraging scaffolding contractors who are not members of NASC to up their game, accept working to established best practice and regulation as a positive for their business, and apply for membership."

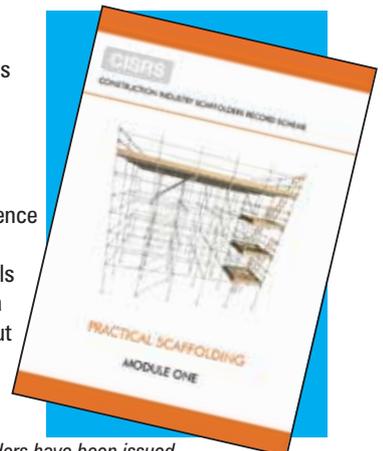
Details on NASC membership can be found on www.nasc.org.uk

Standardisation programme reaches first target

All CISRS approved training providers have been issued with the improved, fully revised and standardised CISRS Part 1 training package - which went live on the 2nd February.

The new package includes updated paperwork for both the delegate and provider, as well as a brand new 24-page Practical Scaffolding Module One document, which includes all the necessary information on scaffolding components and the basic requirements needed to safely erect and dismantle scaffold structures within the Part 1 syllabus.

CISRS scheme manager, Dave Mosley said: "Following the Instructors Conference in March 2014 everyone agreed that producing standardised course materials was the right thing to do. It has taken a little longer than we had anticipated, but we feel that this is a massive step in the right direction for the scheme."



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