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CPD IS LIVE: TWO DAY MANDATORY CPD COURSES PRIOR TO RENEWAL OF SCAFFOLDING CARDS

"HSE welcomes the introduction of this into the CISRS scheme... it will have a positive effect, particularly for those who may not have received any formal training for years."

Ray Cooke, Head of Construction Sector Safety Unit, HSE

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SCAFFOLDERS RECORD SCHEME

More than 1,000 scaffolders attend CISRS CPD courses for card renewal

More than 1,000 Scaffolders and Advanced Scaffolders have attended the CISRS CPD course and applied to renew their CISRS cards under the new scheme rules. The requirement for scaffolders to complete the two day course prior to renewal was introduced in July last year, following an 18 month publicity campaign.

Dave Mosley CISRS scheme manager said: "This is a fantastic achievement in such a short space of time, as any change to an established scheme usually takes quite a while to bed in. We had expected a lot of people whose cards expired in 2016 to simply take an H&S test and apply for an early renewal prior to the CPD requirement going live. The figures show that plenty of scaffolders have completed the programme and demand for places on courses is increasing."

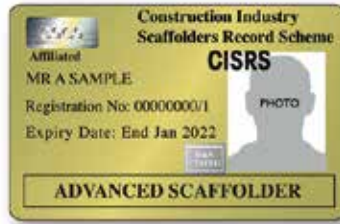
When the industry was initially informed about the intention to introduce a CPD/refresher element to the CISRS scheme, it met with a very mixed response, ranging from "It's about time" to "I have been doing this for years, what can you tell me?"

Jonathan Gaunt training manager for Generation Training Services said "It is interesting to see the change in attitude of some of the scaffolders over the two day programme. They arrive feeling that they will learn very little, however giving them a knowledge test early in the course

usually highlights that there are areas they need to brush up on. It has been a long time since some of them attended a training centre and for those who got their card under Grandfather Rights it could be the first time. After the initial uncertainty they tend to enjoy both the course and mixing with their peers, the delegate feedback forms reflect a positive experience.

The issue of who pays for CPD training has been widely debated and was recently raised with the NASC via the Construction Industry Joint Council which wants to include a statement within the Working Rule Agreement, to provide clarification. A statement of clarification as appropriate to the National Agreement for the Engineering Construction Industry has now been added to that Agreement.

Towards the end of 2017, further to consideration by the NASC Council, the basic premise that employers should pay for CPD training courses was agreed by consensus. A proposed form of words was circulated to Council members in respect to this issue and the



following statement has since been agreed:

'The NASC Council has confirmed that members will fund the CPD course fee and reasonable associated costs of attendance for scaffolders in their direct employment as at the date of CISRS Scaffolder and CISRS Advanced Scaffolder card renewal. As with other employer funded training, such funding may be linked to Training Agreements.'

The NASC has also set aside funds to assist members whilst supporting their employers through the CPD process (£125 per person). For further information go to <https://www.nasc.org.uk/information/training>

Currently levy payers will be able to apply for CITB short duration training daily attendance grant, however considerable changes are to be made to the CITB grant scheme from April 2018. Some CISRS training providers are running subsidised CPD courses at a reduced rate. Any information we receive will be circulated to the membership and the wider industry.

UEG European Regulations Working Committee

At a meeting of the UEG European Regulations Working Committee held in Cologne on Friday 2nd February consideration was given to a review of CEN TC 53 standards. The UEG group, which effectively acts as the Small Business Standards mirror committee, is comprised of representatives from 10 European national scaffolding organisations. The NASC/UK representative is Ken Johnson.

The UEG group plays an increasingly important role in the discussion process which precedes formal meetings of CEN standards groups, and ensures that the wider interests of the European scaffolding industry are properly represented at CEN meetings. The group also gave consideration to forthcoming UEG guidance on Risk Assessment and looked forward to the forthcoming UEG Panel Discussion to be held on Wednesday 6th June in Cologne.

Topics for discussion will be CEN TC 53 and industry training. Guest speakers have been invited and the panel for the panel discussion on training will include David Mosley - CISRS manager and NASC director of training. Prior to the meeting it was announced that Greece has formally announced its request to join UEG as a full member, bringing the number of national scaffolding organisations represented on UEG to 11.



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