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CISRS

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY
SCAFFOLDERS RECORD SCHEME



The **CISRS Continuing Professional Development (CPD)** course is a mandatory requirement prior to the renewal of all CISRS Scaffolder / Advanced cards. Operatives whose cards expire in the next six months should look to **book a course now** to ensure they do not lapse.

For more information visit www.cisrs.org.uk

CISRS CPD one year on

Since the introduction of Scaffolder CPD into the Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) on July 1st 2017, more than 2,500 scaffolders have completed the two day programme.

CISRS announced its intention to introduce the CPD requirement around 12 months ahead of the launch date and not all within the sector welcomed the news with open arms. However, feedback from those who have completed CISRS CPD to date has been overwhelmingly positive, with the vast majority of attendees stating that it was constructive and beneficial.

Joe Freaney, contracts manager at GKR Scaffolding said: "Before attending the course to renew my advanced ticket, I thought it was going to be two wasted days of my week. How wrong was I. I found the course to be very informative and learned many things about TG20:13 that I thought I already knew but didn't. It's always good to refresh the massive amount of technical data that we use on a day to day basis."

CISRS will conduct an in-depth review of the current CPD programme in due course, during which feedback from the industry will act as a main focus. Comments will be taken on board and the next cycle of CPD will look to address any common themes raised.

David Mosley, CISRS scheme manager, said: "Despite some reticence it has been a very busy and successful 12 months for CISRS CPD, courses are full and feedback is positive. There will always be some resistance to changes, when the card renewal and Health and Safety Test requirement was introduced into Industry training schemes in 2000, there was a much bigger backlash from the sector. However, the majority of people involved in scaffolding accept that the introduction of CPD was the right thing to do."

For more information about CISRS CPD visit www.cisrs.org.uk



New Safety Guidance

A new safety guidance note has been published as part of the NASC's ongoing efforts to ensure all reference materials are both current and streamlined. SG5:18 Overhead Power Sources and Earthing of Scaffold Structures includes updated content derived from SG3:14 Earthing of Scaffold Structures and SG5:11 Overhead Power Sources, both of which have been discontinued.

It is available to purchase via the NASC online shop: www.nasc.org.uk/shop/

Adrian Rooney, chairman of the NASC Health and Safety Committee and managing director of Midland Scaffolding Services said: "SG5:18 combines two existing guidance notes covering similar topics into one, making it easier for contractors to source information relating to electrical issues. We are constantly looking at ways to improve and expand the range of safety guidance notes and plan to publish two further notes in the coming months."

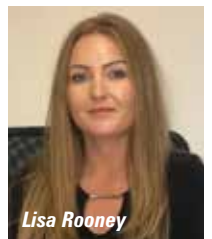


New regional vice chairmen

The NASC has appointed four regional vice chairmen as part of its efforts to improve succession planning and ensure members across the UK always have a local representative to contact for guidance and support. They are: Mike Lloyd - managing Director of LTC Scaffolding for London/South East region, Matthew Cousins - director of Apex Scaffolding (Exeter) for the South West region, Lisa Rooney - financial director of Midlands Scaffolding Services for the Midlands region and Darren Maratty - managing director of Interlink Scaffolding for the Northern and North Wales region.

Expressions of interest will be sought from NASC Scotland/NI members with a view to securing the full set of regional vice chairmen by the autumn.

NASC managing director Robin James said: "The new vice chairmen will replace the current regional chairmen at the end of their respective tenures. Having them in place now allows them to prepare for the role well in advance as well as ensuring members know who will be representing them in the future."



CISRS adds Saudi Arabia centre

The CISRS Overseas Scaffolders Training Scheme is now available in Saudi Arabia, with the launch of the first CISRS approved training centre in the kingdom. The new training facility, located in Dammam, has been launched by Technical and Further Education (TAFE) Arabia in partnership with Simian Skill. Trainees will be able to undertake CISRS OSTs Level 1 and 2, Basic Inspection, Scaffolding Supervisor and OSTs CPD courses. David Mosley, CISRS scheme manager, and Ian Fyall - operations director at Simian Skill - carried out the full accreditation audit at the new training centre. And whilst there, participated in Scaffold Safety Awareness Workshop organised by Saudi Aramco and attended by more than 100 delegates.



(L-R) Ian Fyall of Simian Skill, David Mosley of CISRS and Abdulghani Alrumaih of TAFE Arabia

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