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Qatar insists on CISRS training for scaffolders

The Qatari government is insisting that companies tendering for its major construction projects employ scaffold installers/erectors that are Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) trained. The procurement announcement has been issued by Ashghal, the department responsible for overseeing large scale infrastructure, buildings and public utility developments in the country and was confirmed during a meeting between Ashghal representatives, and officials from CISRS and Simian Risk during a visit to Simian's scaffolding training centre in Waltham Forest, UK.

Following a tour of the facility, CISRS scheme manager David Mosley made a short presentation on the history of CISRS and the creation and ongoing expansion of the Overseas Scaffolders Training Scheme. "I welcome Ashghal's announcement, which will encourage more scaffolders to undergo certified OSTs scaffolding training and lead to greater safety standards, improved knowledge and skill levels on sites throughout Qatar," said Mosley.

"It was great to hear that safety is such a key driver for Ashghal, as evidenced in their achievement of passing 100 million hours without Lost Time Injury for infrastructure (roads/drainage) projects. We were pleased to present them with a trophy and certificate in recognition of this milestone and listen to their plans to implement new policies and forge new partnerships to build on this."

Simian Risk partner Ian Fyall added: "We were delighted to welcome Ashghal to our new training centre and explain how we are delivering a variety of CISRS scaffolding courses at various locations in the UK as well as the CISRS OSTs courses we deliver with local partners in Africa, India, China and the Middle East."

Ashghal representatives visited Simian Risk's training centre in the UK.



New NASC CoP category

The NASC has added a seventh category to its Code of Practice (CoP) compliant product list - pre-fabricated structural transom units.

Scaffolding supplier and manufacturer members are now required to comply with the requirements of the associated product audit form. Samples are then subjected to UKAS accredited independent laboratory testing, with those deemed as meeting the necessary standards listed in the CoP compliant product list.

Other products on the list include EN 39:2001 tube [4mm], EN 10219-1:2006 high tensile tube [3.2mm], BS 2482:2009 timber boards, EN74-1 couplers, aluminium beams and BS EN 12810/11 system scaffolds. The NASC published a suite of scaffolding product purchasing guidelines for these products in November 2018.

The Product Guidance documents provide contractors with a simple, go to resource to ensure the equipment they source is up to standard. Each note details purchasing best practice and outlines the standards to which the products they are sourcing are manufactured and tested to. A guidance note relating to pre-fabricated structural transom units will be published later this year.



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New CISRS Scaffold Awareness course

Tradesmen and other construction workers will soon be able to undertake a one day Scaffolding Awareness course at a range of training centres across the country. The course is open to anyone who has cause to work on scaffolding - such as painters, bricklayers, electricians and plumbers - and those wanting a better understanding of scaffolding operations and has been created by the Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS).

It will provide attendees with a greater understanding and appreciation of the potential dangers of working at height on scaffolds and enable them to identify the core components of a safe scaffold. Delegates will be issued with a CISRS Scaffolding Awareness certificate upon successful completion of the course.

CISRS administrator Laura Weekes said: "This classroom based course will give tradesmen a basic understanding of what compliant scaffolding looks like and guidance on how they can work at height safely. We are looking to offer this course at training centres nationwide from this summer onwards."

The introduction of the course has been welcomed by the National Access & Scaffolding Confederation (NASC). Stephen Allen-Tidy, NASC health and safety advisor, added: "The NASC is committed to promoting the highest standards of safety within the industry. Through the publication and dissemination of a wide range of industry recognised safety and technical guidance - including SG4:15 Preventing Falls in Scaffolding Operations - we continue to drive safety standards upwards."

"This is clearly evidenced in our annual NASC Safety Reports. The 2018 edition saw accidents and injuries recorded by NASC members, collectively employing more than 16,000, fall to an all time low - with just 89 incidences occurring on site throughout 2017. Through the introduction of the scaffolding awareness training course the scope of safety training efforts is being extended beyond scaffolding operatives, helping to ensure that all workers who set foot on a scaffold can carry out the tasks they require safely."



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