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Industry Accreditation – Grandfather Rights

Most people are familiar with the role of LISS/CSCS cards available to individuals working in the Landbased sectors. The process of certifying training and qualifications ensures LISS/CSCS can play its part in improving standards and safety on UK construction sites.

LISS/CSCS's principle objective is focused on the achievement of industry recognised qualifications, achieved through strong support from many industry stakeholders.

LISS/CSCS commitment to a fully qualified workforce is underpinned by the Industrial Strategy for Construction. The Construction Leadership Council (CLC), responsible for delivering the Strategy, announced in 2015 that all card schemes should carry the CSCS logo and must operate with nationally recognised qualifications in place for all occupations relevant to their sector.

Since the announcement LISS/CSCS has developed a number of plans to meet the CLC's requirements, including agreement on appropriate qualifications for each occupation, with the minimum standard for skilled occupations established by the CLC at Level 2 or equivalent.

To meet the requirements of the CLC we will develop plans to move all Industry Accreditation (IA) cardholders to a recognised qualification. This will require careful consideration and planning. How we achieve this within the necessary timescales will require extensive industry consultation prior to implementation. We expect this consultation and planning processes to take place over the next two years. **In the meantime and until 2020 existing IA card holders can continue to renew their cards for a full 5 years in accordance with the LISS/CSCS scheme rules.**

The withdrawal of Industry Accreditation will be the final step towards achieving the CLC's requirement of ensuring nationally recognised qualifications are in place for all occupations.

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