

Q&As for those holding FISS/CSCS Card via Industry Accreditation

Whilst Industry Accreditation (IA) is no longer available to new applicants. There are card holders who obtained their cards via Industry Accreditation (Grandfather Rights). This FAQ page provides information for those who are current holders of FISS/CSCS cards obtained under IA.

What was Industry Accreditation?

Card holders without an NVQ were able to obtain their initial card by **only** doing the H&S Training and the CITB Touch Screen Test appropriate to their level of card. . **Note:** IA was only ever initially available for the Blue, Gold & Black Cards.

Why was Industry Accreditation Available?

It was in recognition of the experience that workers may have had. It was only open for a very limited period of time, two years at the start of the Scheme. After the two years IA was closed and to get the card you would also need to achieve a qualification for your occupation. **Note:** IA was available for all occupations across the Construction and Landbased Sectors.

Why are Industry Accreditation Cards being removed?

The Construction Leadership Council has specified that all cards bearing the CSCS logo should be based on the achievement of a recognized industry qualification – more information can be found [here](#) Whilst IA **may** acknowledge extremely experienced people. IA doesn't define those who are competent and those that are **not** competent.

When will Industry Accreditation Close?

IA is due to close at the end 2020. After 2020 you will be allowed to renew your card one more time

So what do I do with my existing Industry Accreditation Card?

Don't let your card lapse (check expiry date) renew in the six months prior to the expiry date.* Renew by doing the H&S Training and the CITB Touch Screen Test appropriate to your level of card.

What if I let my Industry Accreditation Card expire?

If you don't renew within the renewal period and let your card lapse you will be unable to renew it and will be expected to apply for a card using the appropriate qualification in addition to H&S Training and CITB Touch Screen Test.

What will replace Industry Accreditation?

That is still being decided. It is hoped that it will be either some form of professional discussion or test or interview. It is acknowledged that the route must include a process to recognise the experience of the applicant. **Note:** Whatever is decided it will be for **ALL** occupations within Construction and Landbased sectors whether a Fencer, Bricklayer, Carpenter etc.

*If you are having trouble renewing prior to the expiry date. There are other options contact either AFI or Lantra and we can assist you so that your card doesn't lapse.