The CSCS Smart Check is already raising standards

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The [CSCS Smart Check app](#), which was launched in April, is already improving site safety and card checking procedures on UK construction sites.

Developed by the 38 schemes displaying the CSCS logo, CSCS Smart Check allows those responsible for checking cards to verify all 2.1 million cards using one app on their smartphone or tablet.

The partnership between FASET and CSCS represented a huge step forward for temporary safety systems on UK construction sites. If someone arrives to install safety nets, stair towers, edge protection or platform decking, the site manager can easily check they're qualified just by viewing the details on their FASET card.

Alan O'Neile, Head of Communications at CSCS, said: "CSCS Smart Check is the perfect solution for construction sites that do not have sophisticated card checking apparatus such as turnstiles. All you need is a mobile phone or tablet device in order to verify the qualifications and training of over 2 million construction workers in the UK."

Since its launch, CSCS Smart Check has been downloaded over 15,000 times and is primarily used by construction site managers and gatekeepers to ensure people are qualified and have the right training for the role they do on site.

The app was designed and implemented to meet Construction Leadership Council requirements, which demand the development of a solution that uses smart technology to validate all cards displaying the CSCS logo.

Andy Reakes, chair of the app's working group, said: "Having one app to check all physical and virtual cards at site gates, or on project entry, will continue to ensure greater efficiencies for employers and those checking cards.

"CSCS Smart Check is the biggest change to site entry processes since the introduction of CSCS more than 20 years ago, so to see it already make an impact across the industry is welcomed by all involved. Clients and employers have a responsibility to ensure those working on their projects are qualified and competent and CSCS Smart Check makes it simpler than ever to undertake these essential checks."

Currently CSCS Smart Check functions as a standalone application, incompatible with existing site entry systems such as turnstiles and desktop card readers. There is no immediate impact on existing card checking operations and employers can continue to use these systems if required.

Over the coming months, the app's project team will reach out to employers and stakeholders to begin the process of enabling existing card checking systems to become compatible with CSCS Smart Check.

The app is free and available to download from the App Store and Google Play. For more information visit www.cscs.uk.com/smartcheck.

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