

## DHF warns of '12 months to go' for CSCS cards

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Tamworth-based trade association, the [Door & Hardware Federation \(DHF\)](#), has sounded the 'clarion call' with CSCS cards awarded by 'Grandfather Rights' set to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. It is predicted that up to 60,000 industry skills cards will terminate at that point and cannot be renewed. In preparation, the renewal of new CSCS cards under 'Grandfather Rights' will cease on 30<sup>th</sup> June this year.

"Most people in construction are familiar with the CSCS card, which can be issued either physically or digitally," explains DHF's Commercial Director, Patricia Sowsbery-Stevens. Although CSCS cards are not a legislative requirement, it is a requirement under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM 2015) for contractors to ensure any individual they employ or appoint to work on a construction site has the necessary skills, knowledge, training and experience.

"CSCS cards are supported by the government and are required by most principal contractors and major house builders in order for construction workers to access their sites. They provide proof that individuals working on construction sites have the appropriate training and qualifications for the job that they are doing," she continues.

The federation launched its government approved CSCS card partner scheme in collaboration with the Automatic Door Suppliers Association (ADSA) at the end of 2019, and offers various cards for those who work with industrial doors, domestic garage doors, automated gates & traffic barriers and metal or timber doors. As part of this scheme some cards require you to have attended and passed a DHF approved training course. DHF and ADSA also formed the ESA – <https://www.esa.uk.com/> – to offer specialised NVQ's in the field of automated gates, industrial doors, dock leveller, loading bay equipment and powered pedestrian doors.

“DHF supports the CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) Alliance, and in so doing, reiterated its firm support for the continued demonstration of competence across the construction industry,” continues Patricia. “The CSCS Alliance is an organisation comprising 38 different organisations representing not just the traditional construction trades but the many specialist occupations across the built environment.”

Building Safety and competence are two of the Construction Leadership Council’s (CLC) priorities. The CLC Industrial Strategy states that only qualifications can provide a consistent means of proving an individual’s skills. Therefore, they require everyone working in construction related occupations to obtain a recognised qualification.

CSCS is committed to playing its part in delivering a fully trained and qualified workforce. Therefore, the removal of cards issued under IA will assist in meeting industry requirements.

“DHF continues to encourage its members and the industry to prepare for the changes ahead,” concludes Patricia. “If you don’t have the required qualification, you’ll need to register before your card expires in 2024. For more information on CSCS cards visit: <https://bit.ly/347ZTbD>”