

FASET Card Strengthens Safety and Competence for Work at Height

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Specialist operatives working with temporary safety systems have a clear pathway to demonstrate their competence on construction sites through the FASET Card, developed through a partnership between [FASET \(Fall Arrest Safety Equipment Training\)](#) and the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS).

Designed specifically for those installing safety nets, stair towers, edge protection and platform decking, the FASET Card provides recognised proof that operatives hold the appropriate training and qualifications to work safely at height.

Partnership with CSCS

The collaboration between FASET and CSCS allows FASET-issued cards to carry the CSCS logo, aligning the temporary safety systems sector with the wider UK construction industry's recognised competence framework.

CSCS cards are widely used across construction sites to demonstrate that individuals have the necessary qualifications and health and safety knowledge for the job they perform. Through the partner scheme, the FASET Card provides the same assurance while recognising the specialist skills required for installing temporary safety systems.

For site managers and principal contractors, this makes verification straightforward. By checking the FASET Card, they can quickly confirm that an operative has the correct training and experience.

Advantages of the virtual card

The FASET Card is issued digitally rather than as a plastic card, reflecting the construction industry's move

towards virtual credentialing.

Once an application has been approved, the card is delivered via the Vircarda mobile app and can be checked on site using the CSCS Smart Check system.

This digital approach offers several benefits:

- Enhanced security: Virtual cards are less vulnerable to fraud or forgery.
- Instant updates: Qualifications and expiry dates can be updated without issuing a new card.
- No risk of loss or damage: The card is stored securely on a smartphone.
- Improved management: Employers can manage and monitor cards through a central dashboard.
- Automated alerts: Cardholders can receive notifications about qualification expiry dates or important safety updates.

The system also allows employers and site managers to verify cards quickly through an app or online portal, helping ensure that only qualified personnel undertake specialist work at height.

Application process

Applying for a FASET Card is designed to be straightforward. Applicants first register on the FASET online portal as either an individual or employer, then follow the guided application process.

Typically, the steps include:

1. Register an account on the FASET application portal.
2. Complete the online application form and upload relevant qualifications.
3. Pay the card processing fee of £36.
4. The application is reviewed and verified by FASET.
5. Once approved, the applicant receives a link to download the Vircarda app and access their digital card.

Renewal process

Renewing a FASET Card is equally straightforward. Cardholders log into the application portal, select their existing card from the dashboard and choose the renewal option. They then update the relevant details, upload evidence of any required training or test results, and pay the processing fee.

Supporting safer work at height

By aligning specialist training with the nationally recognised CSCS framework, the FASET Card provides a clear and reliable way to demonstrate competence for those working with temporary safety systems.

For contractors, clients and site managers, the scheme offers reassurance that operatives installing safety nets, edge protection and similar systems have the verified skills required to carry out this critical work

safely.