

## Covid-19 - CSCS cards and Health, Safety & Environment tests

- All Health, Safety and Environment test centres are temporarily closed.
- Tests cannot be booked at this time.
- Applicants will not be able to sit the test until the spread of Covid-19 is under control.
- Those whose cards have expired cannot renew them at this time.
- Those who do not already have a CSCS card cannot apply for one as they cannot sit the test.

This may lead to people being turned away from site as they do not hold a CSCS card or their existing card has expired.

The construction industry is being asked to support with the following during the crisis:

- Using their discretion about site access when workers have cards that have expired from March 2020 onwards.
- CSCS has extended the grace period for card renewals from 6 months after the card expires to 12 months. This means that the card can be renewed, once the CITB HS&E test has been passed, up to one year from the card's expiry date.
- In response to Covid-19 CITB has launched a temporary "LITE" version of the HS&E test which they are asking the construction industry to recognise. It will not be accepted by CSCS to issue a card, it should only be seen as a temporary measure for those employers needing to determine a worker's health and safety knowledge.

For more information about CSCS cards see <https://www.cscs.uk.com/applying-for-cards/covid-19/>

For more information about the LITE test see <https://www.citb.co.uk/urgent-messages/>