



Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Press Release

Demand for CISRS OSTS continues to grow in Oman

CISRS is pleased to announce Safety and Access in partnership with local company Knowledge Grid have gained Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme (OSTS) approval for their centre based in the Rosayl region of Oman. The centre has been accredited for Level 1 and 2 Scaffolder Training, plus Basic Scaffold Inspection and Scaffolding Supervisor training. The CISRS pre-accreditation audit of the facilities was undertaken by Dave Mosley from CISRS at the end of 2017 and he was impressed with the commitment that the local partner Knowledge Grid had shown in sourcing a new venue away from their main centre and transforming it from an empty warehouse style unit into a CISRS OSTS training centre. He said:

"The centre was almost ready to go with only a few minor actions required. When I visited in December, Safety and Access/Knowledge Grid have responded very swiftly to ensure that some minor actions that were outstanding have been dealt with; they have created an excellent facility. A new toilet and shower block, also a new dining area have been installed. If you see the images of what the building looked like when the training providers first acquired it compared to what it looks like now you realise the time, effort and commitment that has gone into achieving CISRS accreditation."

There is a growing demand for recognised accredited training within the region. Rick Statham Joint Managing Director for Safety & Access commented;

"We are delighted to be able to offer training from this second facility. The existing centre has been open for almost 12 months and is proving a great success. The ability to offer training close to Muscat is key to meeting the overall demand. There has been a fantastic commitment from the Oman government to provide funding for Oman nationals to achieve recognised qualifications and the new Centre will certainly help to facilitate that."

CISRS are currently going through the process of verifying training of individuals within Oman and the wider GCC region who had previously trained via the CITB International scheme which was withdrawn at the end of 2016. If they can confirm that certificates are genuine they will be recognised by CISRS and will allow the holder to join the CISRS scheme at a higher level rather than starting again at Level 1, avoiding repetition of similar graded courses. Those deemed eligible will begin CISRS OSTS training in the coming months at Safety and Access/STS training centre at Nizwa.

To find out more about the CISRS OSTS scheme, please visit www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.