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CISRS CPD ONE YEAR ON

Since the introduction of Scaffolder CPD into the Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) on July 1st 2017, more than 2,500 scaffolders have completed the two-day programme.

CISRS announced their intent to introduce the CPD requirement around 12 months ahead of its launch date and not all within the sector welcomed the news with open arms.

However, feedback from those who have completed CISRS CPD to date has been overwhelmingly positive, with the vast majority of attendees stating that it was constructive and beneficial.

Joe Freaney, Contracts Manager at GKR Scaffolding Ltd, who recently undertook the CPD programme at the NCC East training centre in Bircham Newton, Norfolk, said: "Before attending the course to renew my advanced ticket, I thought it was going to be two wasted days of my week. How wrong was I.

"I found the course to be very informative and learned many things about TG20:13 that I thought I already knew but didn't. It's always good to refresh the massive amount of technical data that we use on a day to day basis.

"The inspection module of the course is a valuable extra, allowing me to inspect scaffold up to an advanced level, look at scaffolds from a different perspective and examine them closely. The only part of the course I felt was of no use to me personally was the alloy tower aspect, but it may have been useful to some of the other candidates.

"It was surprising how much information was delivered in the two days and the instructor was outstanding. The technical package handout was also good with all the latest SG4 and TG20 regulations enclosed, all in all a very good course."

Ash Humphreys, a scaffolder who recently completed CPD at Simian Skill in Warrington, said: "I've learnt quite a lot. I was pleased with the CPD training and think it was worthwhile."

CISRS do plan to go back to industry and ask for feedback on the CPD programme, their comments will be taken on board and the next cycle of CPD will look to address any common themes raised.

Wherever possible CISRS has looked to work with training providers to offer value for money. With the help of a number of organisations (listed below) and to mark the one-year anniversary of the introduction of CPD, a series of heavily subsidised courses (£50) are currently being run across the UK.

This coupled with the original pilot courses and an initial launch offer of free courses means that more than 20 courses have been delivered either free of charge or for £50 in this 12-month period. This is something that CISRS is likely to repeat in 2019.

Chris Churcher of QCF Developments, Cardiff, said: "The recent subsidised CPD course carried out at the Centre proved to be a great success. The interactive content of the course gave the delegates time to reflect on their job roles and helped to show where they could make improvements."

The National Access and Scaffolding Confederation (NASC) is currently offering a CPD cashback payment to its members, with £125 available for each operative that they put through the programme.

The completion and payment of CISRS CPD has been written into the NAECI Agreement with a similar statement is likely to be included within the CIJC Working Rule Agreement.

David Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager, said: "Despite some reticence it has been a very busy and successful 12 months for CISRS CPD, courses are full and feedback is positive. There will always be some resistance to changes, when the card renewal and Health and Safety Test requirement was introduced into Industry training schemes in 2000, there was a much bigger backlash from the sector.

"However, the majority of people involved in scaffolding accept that the introduction of CPD was the right thing to do."

For more information about CISRS CPD visit <http://cisrs.org.uk/continuingprofessional-development/>

TRAINING CENTRES OFFERING SUBSIDISED CPD

AIS (North Shields): www.aisgroup.co.uk

Altrad/Generation (Wakefield): www.generationscaffolding.com

CITB Northern Ireland (Crumlin): www.citbni.org.uk

LTC (Plymouth): www.ltcaccess.co.uk

NCC East (Bircham Newton): www.citb.co.uk/national-construction-college

NCC Midlands (Birmingham): www.citb.co.uk/national-construction-college

NCC Scotland (Inchinnan): www.citb.co.uk/national-construction-college

NCC (Waltham Forest): www.citb.co.uk/national-construction-college

NETA (Stockton): www.neta.co.uk

QCF (Cardiff): www.qcfdevelopments.co.uk

Safety and Access (Nottingham): www.safetyaccess.co.uk

Safety and Access (Immingham): www.safetyaccess.co.uk

Simian Skill (Warrington): www.simian-risk.com

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Notes to Editors:

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) has been the industry recognised scaffold training scheme for over 40 years.

It is the preferred scaffolding qualification of all the major organisations including CSCS, NASC, HSE, Build UK, UNITE and the largest scaffold systems manufacturers.

The scheme, established in the 1960s, has 66,000+ CISRS card holders in the UK & 6,500+ OSTS card holders overseas.

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