

PRESS RELEASE DATE

OSTS TRAINING RECOMMENCES

Construction Industry Scaffolder Record Scheme overseas training is slowly beginning to recommence at a number of training centres across the globe, CISRS is pleased to report.

Simian International's Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme (OSTS) centre in Dubai and the Simian/QISC partnership in Qatar have both reopened, having been closed. for several months due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Abid Gul, Simian Skill's Senior CISRS Instructor in Dubai, said: "We're delighted to be back training, having been closed since the first week of March. We are running at a limited capacity with a maximum of six delegates at a time, in line with the social distancing rules in the UK and the UAE.

"All delegates, successfully completed the course and closely followed the COVID procedures we have put in place."

Dave Mosley, CISRS Managing Director, said: "It's fantastic news that Simian International OSTS centres in Dubai and Qatar are back in operation.

"We want all centre staff and course delegates to remain safe and healthy as such they have had to submit detailed COVID specific RAMS and procedures prior to training taking place. I think we are all looking forward to getting back to some form of normality and recommencing training in other locations as soon as it's safe to do so."

The Safety & Access / PERI Malaysia partnership has also recommenced training having recently completed two CISRS Scaffold Inspection training courses at their centre in Selangor.

CISRS and the OSTS providers are keeping a keen eye on the Covid-19 situation internationally, with several OSTS partner centres preparing to reopen as soon as local guidelines allow.

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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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