



## **NATIONAL ACCESS & SCAFFOLDING CONFEDERATION**

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#### **NASC announce support for members as CPD approaches**

The National Access and Scaffolding Confederation (NASC) are very pleased to announce that they have set aside an initial sum of £30,000 to assist the membership who will be required to meet the CISRS CPD requirement for their Scaffolders and Advanced Scaffolders from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

This will enable them to make a payment of £125 to NASC member companies, who support their employees through this process and meet the costs of their CISRS CPD courses.

NASC President Alan Lilley of Commercial Scaffolding Ltd in Hull said "The Confederation fully supports the introduction of the CISRS CPD requirement prior to card renewal, we see the benefits it will bring to the scheme, the individual card holder and their employers. We do realise however, that as with all training these benefits do not come without costs. As such NASC is looking to reinvest a substantial amount of money into NASC member companies who support their employees through this process and meet the costs of the CISRS CPD training."

The £30,000 figure will help to subsidise training costs for 240 operatives in the first instance, with a further £20,000 ringfenced for additional CPD funding (160 operatives), should this initiative prove successful.

To be eligible to access this funding the operative must hold a current valid CISRS Scaffolders or Advanced card which has been renewed via the CISRS CPD 2-day course.

NASC will provide members with a link where they will complete an online application form in order to submit a claim. All applications will then be verified via the CISRS database prior to funding being released, payments will be made within 4-6 weeks for those who meet the criteria. Any individual member company will be limited to a maximum of 10 applications initially.

CISRS Scheme Manager Dave Mosley said "It's great to see the level of financial support NASC is willing to make available to assist their membership a possible figure of £50,000 and I hope I can convince them to consider further funding in 2018."

All UK Scaffolding Contractors who currently pay CITB levy will be able to apply for CITB short duration training daily attendance grant of £50 per day for employees completing CISRS CPD training. For further information visit their website <http://www.citb.co.uk/grant/grants-available-201617/short-duration-grant/>

CITB are currently running a funding pilot with NASC members which if successful will allow that daily attendance grant figure to be raised to £100 per day for those undertaking CPD when the new CITB funding (2017/18) is made available towards the end of the year. Again, this will be available to all both NASC and non NASC members

Be Aware

CISRS with the support of National Construction College, LTC Group 87, Safety and Access Ltd and Simian Skill Ltd intends to run a number of fully subsidised CPD courses across the UK in the coming months. These will be open to all employers on a "first come, first served" basis, initially companies will be limited to 1 candidate per company. CISRS will then look to team up with other CISRS approved Providers as the programme progresses.

Further information will be disseminated via participating Training Providers.

Courses are available

CPD Course dates are available for bookings at approved Providers go to <http://cisrs.org.uk/training-providers/> for contact details.