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NASC Launches New £30,000 Qualifying the Workforce Programme

The NASC has launched a 'Qualifying the Workforce' in-house programme offering member companies funding from a £30,000 central pot for up to 240 training placement payments.

The NASC scheme has been introduced to reward members for their commitment to CISRS training and maintaining the high level of qualified staff required to retain NASC membership.

NASC member companies will be able to apply for a payment of £125 for any of their employees who they have qualified to CISRS Scaffolder, Advanced Scaffolder or Scaffolding Supervisor, since 1st January 2016.

Operatives will need to have completed all requisite training and be in possession of a current valid CISRS card for the grade for which they are applying in order to be eligible.

In addition to the scaffolder training funds, there will also be a chance to claim for CISRS Operative Training Courses (COTS) training. Included within the 240 total placements, NASC will make up to a maximum of 50 payments of £125 to employers who have put their operative through the COTS course and have obtained a CISRS Labourer or CISRS New Entrant Trainee card via this process.

NASC Training Manager, Dave Mosley said: "This new Qualifying the Workforce programme is all about supporting NASC members who are investing in their staff through CISRS training. We have run similar initiatives in previous years with the aid of additional CITB funding which have proved very successful and popular with the membership. With this type of CITB funding no longer available NASC Council has agreed to set aside £30K to fund a programme for 2016"

Payments will be made on a first come first served basis, and it is envisaged that these payments are likely to be claimed very quickly so members are requested to respond ASAP."

QTW claims must be made online using the correct application form via the online members' area of www.nasc.org.uk, under the training section (in the 'Information' menu). And applicants must include all relevant information for each candidate (correct individual details, card number etc). Only qualifications achieved after 1st January 2016 will be accepted. Applications will take up to four weeks to process.

NASC MD Robin James said: "We are thrilled to be able to offer this substantial training incentive and we would encourage members to act fast if they want to benefit from it."

For details of the new biennial scaffold product award, to order copies of the new SG4:15:You pocket guide, for information on the latest Technical Guidance (TG) and Safety Guidance (SG) notes, the TG20:13 full suite and the NASC – the UK scaffolding industry trade body – including becoming an NASC member, please visit www.nasc.org.uk or email: enquiries@nasc.org.uk