



Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Press Release
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CISRS Supervisors & Managers Refresher Course Goes Live

From the 1st March 2016 anyone wishing to renew their CISRS Scaffolding Supervisor/Manager card will be required to complete the newly developed refresher/CPD course.

The course has been developed for CISRS by Rick Statham Managing Director of Safety and Access Ltd. Following the recent successful completion of a Pilot course which was attended by scaffolding Supervisors from IBN Scaffold Access Ltd (Barnsley), High Peak Scaffolding Ltd (Buxton), CISRS Lead Instructors Tony Barry (NCC Midlands), Stuart Hemmings (WATA), Rob Nichols (Safety and Access) plus CISRS Scheme Manager Dave Mosley, all of whom are due to renew their CISRS Supervisor/Managers cards in 2016.

Rick Statham (Safety and Access) said: "There was a really good mix of delegates attending the pilot course which made for some interesting debate and produced some suggested tweaks to the course content which have since been incorporated."

The introduction of the refresher/CPD course for Supervisors which is in addition to the work carried out by the CISRS Standardisation working party is the first step in an initiative to introduce this type of programme for the whole of the CISRS scheme. Both HSE and the wider industry are great supporters of CISRS but had requested that they gave consideration to CPD which would reflect what a lot of other industry recognised qualifications require.

The programme would be two days in duration and will cover the following areas:

Health & Safety

Legal Overview – Health & Safety Law
Health and Safety Management
HSE ACOPs and Guidance

Performance Standards

British and European Standards
NASC Safety and Technical Guidance
TG20:13 & SG4:15 appreciation
Asbestos Awareness

Supervisory Skills

Planning and Organisation
Materials and Logistics
Competence and Allocation of Duties
Effective Supervision
Statutory Scaffold Inspections and Inspection Practices
Behavioural Safety overview
Effective Communication (including basic presentation skills, briefings and Toolbox talks)

Risk Assessment & Method Statement

Delegates are required to complete RAMS for several case studies.

Delegates will be required to successfully complete a written test, several case study projects, and deliver a toolbox talk all of which will contribute to their overall pass/fail assessment criteria.

CISRS Scheme Manager, Dave Mosley (CISRS) said: "CISRS Supervisor/Manager's cards are recognised by Build UK and the wider industry, however Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS) and Site Manager Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS) courses are often favoured by clients when requesting Supervisory training for those working on their sites. CISRS feel that as their course covers all the generic topics covered in the the SSSTS/SMSTS courses but is delivered with a trade specific slant that CISRS courses have more value and relevance to those working in the scaffolding sector. We are currently considering allowing those working full time within the sector who already hold SSSTS or SMSTS the opportunity of attending the new CISRS Supervisor/Manager CPD course and making them eligible to apply for a CISRS Supervisor card."

Course materials will be passed onto to the approved providers imminently in order to be ready for the 1st March launch date.

For further details about the Scaffolding Supervisor Refresher course, other CISRS card courses, training changes following the introduction of TG20:13 and SG4:15, information and dates on courses available, a list of approved training providers, or to find out more about CISRS, please visit www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.