



## Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme Press Release

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### CISRS CPD Courses Go Live From 1<sup>st</sup> July

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CISRS Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses are now live – making it a mandatory requirement to attend a two-day course at an approved training provider prior to scaffolder or advanced scaffolder card renewal.

The CPD course was formally announced in June 2016, giving the industry over 12 months notice prior to the commencement date. This was following lengthy discussions within the scaffolding sector and extensive correspondence with the HSE who pushed hard for what they felt was an omission to an otherwise very robust training scheme servicing a safety critical sector.

CISRS training has been around in one form or another for over 40 years. It was felt that it was time to bring it in line with other safety critical sectors and introduce a refresher element.

“HSE Inspectors come across scaffolders on site who are not up to date on current accepted practices with respect to safe erection and dismantling of scaffolding. This is an issue that is easily resolved through CPD and HSE welcomes the introduction of this into the CISRS scheme. This brings the scheme into line with many other construction trades and it will have a very positive effect, particularly for those who may not have received any formal training in many years. It should help employers demonstrate that their operatives have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to fulfil their duties under the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015,” said Ray Cooke Head of Construction Sector Safety Unit, Health & Safety Executive.

The introduction of the new CPD courses is designed to ensure that all card holding scaffolders and advanced scaffolders are kept up to date with the latest legislation and industry guidance, and maintain the highest possible standards of scaffolding safety.

“After some initial scepticism ‘it’s a money-making venture’ and ‘I’ve been doing this 30 years’ etc. the majority of the industry are now behind the introduction of the courses and recognise it’s about raising standards, keeping people safe and up to date with legislation and changes within the industry. There has been a lot of time and effort put into creating the right balance and depth of useful content into the two-day CPD course. CISRS are confident it will only serve to strengthen the safety and knowledge of those attending and help to raise the reputation of the trade amongst the wider industry,” said Dave Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager.

CPD courses are now available to be delivered by CISRS-accredited training providers. Six fully funded (free) courses have been offered by CISRS and participating Training Providers National Construction College, LTC Training Services, Safety and Access and Simian Skill across the country.

The majority of the course content will be the same for both scaffolders and advanced scaffolders – with the main difference being the scaffold structures used for the practical inspection sessions. Course content includes:

- \* SG4:15 – Inclusive of SG19 and harness training.
- \* TG20:13 – Inclusive of masonry anchors.
- \* General scaffolding knowledge testing.
- \* RAMS.
- \* SG6 – Manual handling, inclusive of ropes and wheels and knots.
- \* MATS.
- \* Trends in accidents and reporting accidents.
- \* Impact wrenches.
- \* Vehicles.
- \* Communication – Inclusive of scaffolder responsibilities and behaviour.
- \* Edge protection and roof works.
- \* Drugs and alcohol.
- \* PPE – Responsibilities of employer.
- \* Incomplete scaffolds – Inclusive of signage and access.
- \* System scaffold awareness.
- \* Protection of the public.
- \* Health, Safety & Behavioural Test

The course also offers theoretical and practical sessions on scaffold inspection and aluminium tower modules, which if completed successfully can be endorsed on the rear of the new card and a CISRS Health, Safety & Behavioural Test, which if passed will negate the need for a separate CITB HS&E Test.

Dave Mosley added: "We really feel that the introduction of CPD is right for the scheme and the industry. We realise that this is a big change for the sector – which is why we gave everyone plenty of notice before it went live and we will be on hand to support the scaffolding community through these changes."

For a full a list of approved CISRS training providers offering CPD, further details about CISRS card courses, OSTs news, training changes following the introduction of SG4:15 and TG20:13, information and dates on courses available or to find out more about CISRS, please visit [www.cisrs.org.uk](http://www.cisrs.org.uk) or email [enquiries@cisrs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cisrs.org.uk) for more assistance.