



CISRS TO RUN CPD PILOT COURSES

CISRS in collaboration with three of its accredited training providers will be running a series of pilot courses next month for its new Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course, which is set to go live on 1st of July 2017.

National Construction College Midlands will run the first of the pilot courses at its centre in Birmingham on 15th and 16th February. CISRS will be looking for scaffolders whose card is due to expire in 2017 to attend the (free of charge) pilot courses. Further courses will take place at NCC Midlands on 15th/16th March and 24th/25th April. CISRS accredited providers Safety and Access and Simian Skill are also looking to set dates for further pilot courses to be delivered at their centres in Nottingham and Warrington respectively.

Each of the CISRS accredited providers looking to offer CPD training will also be requested to have one of their instructors attend a pilot course, so they can bring themselves up to speed with the content and delivery of the new two-day course.

The course will include a general scaffolding update – covering the relevant technical and safety guidance notes, such as SG4, SG6 & TG20 – as well as a scaffold inspection and an aluminium tower module, which if completed successfully can then be endorsed on the rear of the new card.

A health and safety test will also be included, which if the delegates pass will negate the need to complete the CITB Health and Safety and Environment test. To assist in this new training module, a bank of health and safety questions will be issued to CISRS CPD delegates prior to attending the course.

Dave Mosley, CISRS Scheme Manager, said: “We have been discussing CPD and refresher training for a very long time and we are now rapidly approaching its launch. We have tried to include as many relevant topics as we can to give the course value. And we are running these pilot courses to allow us to perfect the content and make final tweaks to the courses and materials prior to issuing them to accredited providers, who have dates set in their 2017 programmes for CPD courses from July 1st onwards.”

Around 4,000 scaffolders will need to renew either their Scaffolders or Advanced Scaffolders card in 2017 and more than half of these hold cards which will expire prior to 1st July – and as such will renew under the current scheme requirement of completing the CITB Health and Safety and Environment Test or a recognised exemption, not the new CPD.

Card renewal reminders are issued to cardholders three to six months prior to the card expiry date and CISRS envisages that a number of scaffolders may renew their card early in order to beat the 1st of July CPD course deadline.

To find out more about the new CISRS CPD courses, obtain a copy of the CISRS CAP 609 General Information Booklet, new cards poster or to find out more about CISRS, please visit www.cisrs.org.uk or email enquiries@cisrs.org.uk.