

## **CISRS Coronavirus Update January 2021**

With the acceleration of the coronavirus situation in recent weeks, scaffolding training has been temporarily suspended by a number of providers. However, others are continuing to offer a reduced service with strict COVID precautions in place.

Those staying open must continually review their COVID procedures to ensure that they are operating safely in line with ever changing government guidance.

All centres will be responding to telephone and email enquiries and anyone with concerns about upcoming course bookings or rearranging training dates should contact their training provider directly.

As in 2020, CISRS is calling on Build UK, employers and those responsible for site access and card checking procedures to show leniency towards those holding CISRS cards which have recently expired and allow them access to work, until wider centre capacity is readily available.

We would urge those with cards approaching expiry to make the necessary bookings to schedule/reschedule the relevant training and assessment.

Apprentices and other trainees can continue to work on site as part of their training.

CITB Health, Safety and Environment (HS&E) testing centres in England and Scotland will remain open; however, those in Wales have closed.

We can also report that that the online CITB LITE Test is still being accepted as an exemption to the CITB HS&E Test for course attendance and card issuance.

The test can be accessed by following the HS&E Test link at <https://www.citb.co.uk/urgent-messages/>

CISRS will continue to monitor and review the changing COVID situation and ensure we respond appropriately to all relevant guidance.

Please send any queries to [enquiries@cisrs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cisrs.org.uk) or call the CISRS Helpline on 0844 8157223.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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