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CISRS International Card Scheme (OSTS) Celebrates 10 Years and 20,000+ Cards Issued

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) Overseas Scaffolder Training Scheme (OSTS) is celebrating 10 years since its launch in 2013 and the milestone of 20,000+ cards issued (21,141 as of May 2023) to cardholders worldwide.

There are currently 16 accredited OSTS centres located outside of the UK – including Abu Dhabi, China, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Qatar, and Trinidad.

International training organisations partner with CISRS approved UK providers to ensure the quality and rigour applied to the training scheme at home is mirrored overseas. The strict accreditation and annual audit criteria covers every aspect of the overseas training process – including standard of facilities, instructor qualifications, course content, certification, administration etc.



Several companies and individuals have been involved with OSTS since its inception in 2013 and they are integral to its growing success outside the UK. Simian International Lead Instructor, Abid Gul is one such example. Speaking about the anniversary and 20,000+ card milestone, he stated:

“Working with the CISRS (OSTS) scheme has been an incredibly fulfilling experience. The opportunity to travel and interact with individuals from different backgrounds, coupled with the positive feedback I receive from the candidates, validates the effectiveness and importance of the CISRS scheme. Knowing that I am contributing to the safety and well-being of scaffolders, brings me immense satisfaction and I look forward to continuing my journey as a CISRS accredited trainer.”

Sandeep Pakhrin Lama, Managing Director of Aecor International is another long-serving CISRS partner with Safety and Access, who currently has centres in Nepal, India, Abu Dhabi, and Qatar. He added:

"The ever-increasing demand for a qualified workforce has put CISRS at the forefront of scaffolding training across the world. This is particularly the case in the Middle East with their ever-thriving construction and oil gas sectors, where they demand the highest standards of safety, competence, and quality at work. Their trust in CISRS (OSTS) is testament of their confidence in the reliable, quality, and competent training provided through the various CISRS approved training centres such as AECOR and Safety & Access."



As the international reputation of CISRS OSTS continues to grow, an increasing amount UK and International training providers are looking to become CISRS approved. AIS Survivex is one of those brands and has recently opened a centre in Qatar.

Dave Mosley, CISRS CEO said: "I would like to thank all the organisations and staff involved in delivering CISRS OSTS. It is a major undertaking to gain and maintain our accreditation. Lots of industry training takes place around the world, but it is only CISRS OSTS that mirrors the highest recognised UK scaffolding standards. It is the OSTS training providers' hard work and dedication to delivering quality training programmes that will lead to improved skills and safety and regulation of competence in the scaffolding sector worldwide."

CISRS is a not-for-profit organisation. The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) has been the industry recognised scaffold training scheme for over 40 years. It is the preferred scaffolding qualification of all the major organisations including CSCS, NASC, Build UK, UNITE and the largest scaffold systems manufacturers. The scheme, established in the 1960s, has 60,000+ CISRS card holders in the UK & 21,000+ OSTS card holders overseas.