



FISS/CSCS Partnercard Scheme Information Booklet



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FISS CSCS Introduction

This information booklet is created on behalf of the Fencing Industry Skills Scheme/Construction Skills Certification Scheme (FISS/CSCS) and is intended for fencers and fencing companies who wish to apply for FISS/CSCS cards to complete fencing and associated work on construction sites. The scheme is approved under the FISS CSCS Partnercard scheme and meets the requirements of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) Strategy 2021. Lantra are the Awarding Organisation and appointed administrators of the scheme.

Although fencing is considered part of the construction industry, the specific occupation is responsible for the installation of different types of fences, gates and barriers, across a broad section of different environments from domestic and agricultural, to commercial and industrial, including high security, environmental and vehicle safety fencing.

FISS/CSCS ecards are for the purpose of installing and maintaining fencing on construction sites but not necessarily training in the use of the tools and equipment used to install them and much of the plant and machinery used is not covered by FISS.

The joint FISS/CSCS ecards are administrated and issued by Lantra to identify to industry qualified personnel within fencing. Lantra provides administration for FISS/CSCS by:

- Maintaining a structured fencing e card scheme applicable to all levels of fencing
- Approval of Training Providers to offer nationally recognised fencing qualifications
- Approval of Training Providers to offer health and safety training applicable to FISS/CSCS
- Procuring documentation for fencing industry committees (FISS, 2B and 10B)
- Approval and quality assurance of Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) courses
- Approval of Training Providers to offer VRS courses
- Maintaining accurate records of qualified personnel
- Producing ecards and ecertification to support recognition of skills
- Continual development and updating of fencing and health & safety training for industry purposes
- Providing an online FISS card data checker

In support of the above administration Lantra offers, via our Training Provider network, a multitude of fencing qualifications and health and safety courses. The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) also offers health and safety courses and the required Touchscreen Tests (TSTs) to apply for the relevant level of FISS/CSCS ecards.

Lantra Fencing Qualifications and Health & Safety Training

Lantra provides various qualifications applicable to various levels of FISS/CSCS cards. The qualification suite that Lantra approved Training Providers can offer are as follows:

- Lantra Awards Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment
- Lantra Awards Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing – General Fencing
- Lantra Awards Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing – Vehicle Restraint Systems
- Lantra Awards Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing
- Lantra Awards Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Land-based Settings

Lantra also provides health and safety courses to industry for both Green and Blue cards. The health and safety courses that Lantra approved Training Providers can offer are as follows:

- Health, Safety and Environmental Awareness – Construction
- Health, Safety and Environmental Awareness – Fencing

CITB Health & Safety Training

CITB provide both touchscreen tests and health & safety courses applicable to different levels of FISS/CSCS cards see also page 13 on H&S making it work for you. There are basically three types of touchscreen tests and three types of health and safety course available as shown below:

Health, Safety & Environment (HS&E) Touchscreen Tests

- Operatives
- Supervisory (SUP)
- Managers and Professionals (MAP)

Health and Safety - Site Safety Plus (SSP) Courses

- Health and Safety Awareness (HAS)
- Site Supervision Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS)
- Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS)

In addition to both Lantra and CITB health and safety training courses, there are equivalent accepted courses. The full list of accepted courses can be located and downloaded from Build UK's website (<https://builduk.org/information/>) under Training Standard. All health and safety courses and touchscreen tests must be achieved within two years of all new and renewal card applications.

Awareness Training

All training and qualifications are mapped to the level of card the candidate holds. If it is an "awareness only" course, it must be understood that the information is only for making them "aware" of certain aspects concerning a product. "Awareness only" does **not** make them competent.

It is the employer's responsibility to ensure all employees working for them are trained, qualified and competent to perform each required task. Applicants must meet the requirements and already hold a Blue Skills Card before making an application to add the Awareness Training onto the card.

Awareness training currently approved:

Gate safe (Awareness Only) certificated by IOSH

FISS CSCS Card Categories

All fencing personnel entering controlled construction sites should have a FISS/CSCS card to reflect the level and occupation for the job they have entered site for. The specific categories issued by Lantra to reflect this are:

- Green Card Labourer
- Red Card Trainee
- Blue Card Skilled Installer
- Gold Card Supervisor
- Black Card Managers and Directors
- White Card Academically and Professionally Qualified Personnel

Each of these cards has its own set of requirements for qualifications and health & safety courses to enable a successful application. These applications are basically split into two categories for each level of card:

- General Fencing
- Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS)

There is a third type which is a sub-category to the VRS, which is Temporary Vehicle Restraint Systems (TVRS). As each type of FISS/CSCS card has different requirements, to be able to successfully apply them, a breakdown of each card and their requirements are listed separately in the section below.

Please remember that all health and safety courses and touchscreen tests must be achieved within two years of all new and renewal card applications.

Green Labourer FISS CSCS Smart/E-Card Requirements



Green FISS/CSCS cards are for all those employed in fencing labourer occupations, who often work with fence installers to prepare and set up the fencing work area.

To successfully apply for a Green Labourer card, you will need the following:

New Green FISS CSCS Card:

For all Green Cards

- CITB Operative touchscreen test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- Lantra Level 1 Health & Safety in a Construction Environment (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) *See Page 13 on H&S making it work for you*

Additionally, for VRS only

- VRS Foundation Course (within 2 years of application)

Renewal of Green FISS CSCS Card:

For all Green Cards

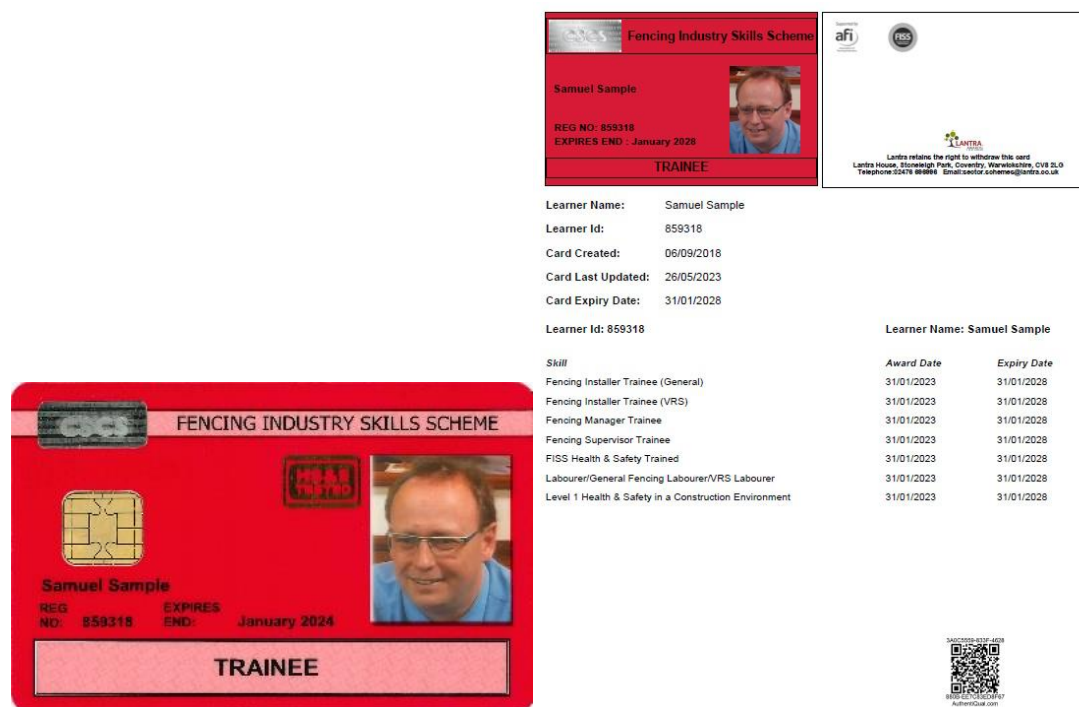
- CITB Operative touchscreen test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environment Course – Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) *See Page 13 on H&S making it work for you*

Additionally, for VRS only

- VRS Foundation course (within 2 years of application)

All health and safety courses and touchscreen tests must be achieved within two years of all new card applications.

Red Trainee FISS CSCS Smart/E-Card Requirements



Red FISS/CSCS cards are for trainee fencing installers, supervisors or managers, who are going through the process of completing a relevant qualification but are not yet fully qualified.

To successfully apply for a Red Trainee card, you will need the following:

Red Trainee Installer FISS CSCS Card

For all Red Cards:

- CITB Operative Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environment Course – Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) *See Page 13 on H&S making it work for you.*
- Registered on a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification

Additionally, for VRS Only:

- VRS Foundation and VRS Installer courses (within 2 years of application)

Red Trainee Supervisor FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Supervisor Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- CITB Site Supervision Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) *See Page 13 on H&S making it work for you.*
- Registered on a Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification

Red Trainee Manager FISS CSCS Card


- CITB Managers and Professionals Touchscreen Test (within 2 Years of application)
- CITB Site Manager Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Registered on a Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Land-based Settings Qualification*

Please note that red cards are generally not renewed but another new card may be issued if all the above criteria are met.


*Lantra will accept the Cskills Awards Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Construction site Management – Building and Civil Engineering or Highways Maintenance and Repair in place of the Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Land-based Settings qualification.

The full list of accepted courses can be located and downloaded from Build UK's website (<https://builduk.org/information/>) under Training Standard. All health and safety courses and touchscreen tests must be achieved within two years of all new card applications.

Blue Skilled Worker FISS CSCS Smart/E-Card Requirements

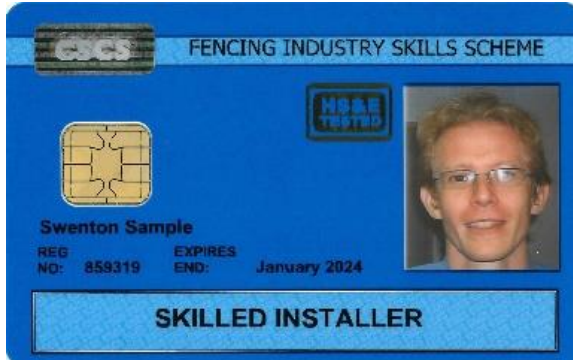


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Card Created: 06/09/2018
Card Last Updated: 26/05/2023
Card Expiry Date: 31/01/2028
Learner Id: 859319



Skill	Award Date	Expiry Date
Fencing Installer General (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (General)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (VRS)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (General)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (VRS)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer VRS (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
FISS Health & Safety Trained	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Level 1 Health & Safety in a Construction Environment	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Parapet Installer (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
QuadGuard/Vecustop Installer	06/03/2021	06/03/2026
Quest/Vecustop Installer	20/12/2021	20/12/2026

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Blue FISS/CSCS cards are for all types of fencing installer who prepare and install different fencing systems on construction sites.

To successfully apply for a Blue Skilled Installer card, you will need the following:

New Blue General Fencing FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Operative Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environmental Course - Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) *See Page 13 on H&S making it work for you.*
- Completed a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing – General Qualification

New Blue VRS Fencing FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Operative Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environmental Course - Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Completed a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing – Vehicle Safety Fencing Qualification
- An in date VRS Installer course
- An in date VRS Proprietary or NPSBS course

New Blue Temporary VRS Fencing FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Operative Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environmental Course - Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- An in date Temporary VRS course

Renewal of Blue FISS CSCS Card:

For all Blue Cards:

- CITB Operative Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environmental Course - Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)

Additionally, for VRS only:

- An in date VRS Installer course
- An in date VRS Proprietary or NPSBS course

Additionally, for Temporary VRS only: -

- An in date Temporary VRS course

Please note that General, VRS and Temporary VRS Fencing categories all appear on one card and can be upgraded to include other categories, if the additional requirements are met.

All health and safety courses and touchscreen tests must be achieved within two years of all new card applications. The full list of H&S accepted courses can be located and downloaded from Build UK's website (<https://builduk.org/information/>) under Training Standard.

Gold Supervisor FISS CSCS Smart/E-Card Requirements



Learner Name: Samantha Sample
Learner Id: 859321
Card Created: 06/09/2018
Card Last Updated: 26/05/2023
Card Expiry Date: 31/01/2028
Learner Id: 859321

Learner Name: Samantha Sample

Skill	Award Date	Expiry Date
Fencing Installer General (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (General)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (VRS)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (General)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (VRS)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer VRS (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Level 3 NVQ	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Level 3 SVQ	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Supervisor (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
FISS Health & Safety Trained	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Parapet Installer (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028

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Gold FISS/CSCS cards are for fencing supervisors who may supervise the site or other people on site for fence erection purposes.

To successfully apply for a Gold Supervisor card, you will need the following:

New Gold FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Supervisory Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- CITB Site Supervision Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Completed a Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification


Renewal of Gold FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Supervisory Touchscreen Test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- CITB Site Supervision Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)

Please note that you can have any of the listed Blue Skilled Installer skills on your Gold Supervisor FISS/CSCS card if the requirements are met.

The full list of accepted courses can be located and downloaded from Build UK's website (<https://builduk.org/information/>) under Training Standard. All health and safety courses and touchscreen tests must be achieved within two years of all new card applications.

Black Manager FISS CSCS Smart/E-Card Requirements



Fencing Industry Skills Scheme

Sammi Sample

REG NO: 859322
EXPIRES END: January 2028

MANAGER

Learner Name: Sammi Sample
Learner Id: 859322
Card Created: 06/09/2018
Card Last Updated: 26/05/2023
Card Expiry Date: 31/01/2028

Learner Id: 859322


Skills

Fencing Installer General (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (General)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (VRS)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (General)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (VRS)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Installer VRS (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Level 3 NVQ	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Level 3 SVQ	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Manager (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
Fencing Supervisor (Industry Accreditation)	31/01/2023	31/01/2028
FISS Health & Safety Trained	31/01/2023	31/01/2028

Learner Name: Sammi Sample

Award Date	Expiry Date
31/01/2023	31/01/2028
31/01/2023	31/01/2028
31/01/2023	31/01/2028
31/01/2023	31/01/2028
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Black FISS/CSCS cards are for site managers and company directors who oversee the fencing site and personnel involved in the worksite and project.

To successfully apply for a Black Manager card, you will need the following:

New Black FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Managers and Professionals Touchscreen Test (within 2 years of application)
- CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Completed a Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Land-based Settings Qualification*

Renewal of Black FISS CSCS Card

- CITB Managers and Professionals Touchscreen Test (within 2 years of application)
- CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)

Please note that you can have any of the listed Blue Skilled Installer and Gold Supervisor skills on your FISS/CSCS card if the requirements for each are met.

*Lantra will accept the CSkills Awards Level 6 NVQ Diploma in Construction site Management – Building and Civil Engineering or Highways Maintenance and Repair in place of the Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Land-based Settings qualification.

The full list of accepted courses can be located and downloaded from Build UK's website (<https://builduk.org/information/>) under Training Standard. All health and safety courses and touchscreen tests must be achieved within two years of all new card applications.

Academically Qualified Person (AQP) FISS CSCS Smart/E-Card Requirements



This card is available to people who have completed certain construction related degrees, HNDs, HNCs, CIOB Certificates and NEBOSH diplomas in a fencing context.

If you have suitable alternative qualifications, please submit these for consideration.

To apply for the card, applicants will need to supply a copy of their qualification and evidence of the units achieved within the qualification.

All applicants must pass the [CITB Managers and Professionals Health, Safety and Environment Test](#)

This card is valid for five years.

Professionally Qualified Person (PQP) FISS CSCS Smart/E-Card Requirements



This card is available to competently assessed members of a fencing related Professional Body.

All applicants must pass the [CITB Managers and Professionals Health, Safety and Environment Test](#).

Applicants will need to supply proof that they hold current membership of the professional body at a level accepted by FISS/CSCS, by providing the following:

- A membership certificate
- A membership card (both sides)
- An up-to-date letter or email from the professional body
- Must provide supporting evidence that membership has been achieved via a qualification achieved in a fencing context

The above evidence must show membership for the current year.

For renewals, applicants must supply a letter or email from the professional body confirming that they are still a member of the organisation. This card is valid for five years.

Health & Safety – Making it Work for You

With an increasing demand for construction projects, it is essential that the fencing industry knows what skills are required and when and where they will be needed. A comprehensive training and qualifications structure capable of delivering the necessary skills together with an integrated relationship between the education system and employers is critical.

The FISS/CSCS committee recommends that the fencing industry works to the Build UK training standard. This will ensure that the outcome of construction training and qualifications delivered by or on behalf of the industry meets the needs of employers and that sufficient employment and apprenticeship opportunities are available to maintain a skilled and professional workforce.

Build UK's Training Standard ensures those working on site have the correct card for their construction occupation. It also includes Partner Card Scheme Information, Additional Training Cards that can be used alongside the CSCS card and equivalent Health and Safety Training requirements for each level of card.

To access the training standard please use the following link: <https://builduk.org/members/contractor-members/> and download the training standard which is pinned to the page (by using the live link provided this will ensure you are always working to the latest version).

Important Notes

- Site Safety Managers Training Scheme (SMSTS) will be accepted as an alternative to the SSSTS for the FISS CSCS (Gold) Supervisor card. As this rule applies to levels, it follows that the SSSTS cannot be accepted for the higher level, FISS CSCS (Black) Manager card.
- Site Safety Supervisors Training Scheme (SSSTS) will be accepted for a Blue Card for those who **may** be appointed as a Nominated Person by the Organisation to oversee the installation of the fence.
- Please ensure when selecting equivalent courses from the training standard it is either the 2 Lantra health and safety courses or the generic health and safety courses, **not** the specialist courses i.e., asbestos.
- The list of equivalents for the Health and Safety in a Construction Environment Standard on the Build UK site is a list for both Green Card (level 1) and Blue Card (level 2), however in terms of FISS CSCS it should not be confused with the Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment is an equivalent for Blue Cards.
- **Green Card Only** Alternative qualifications accepted in place of the Lantra Awards Level 1 Qualification in Health, Safety and Environmental in a Construction Environment 601/1222/0, **at initial registration only** can be found on the CSCS website <https://www.cscs.uk.com/hsce/>

Your form will be returned to you if your health and safety does not comply with the rules.

General Card Information

How to apply for a FISS/CSCS e-card:

To apply for any of the available FISS/CSCS cards you send the FISS/CSCS application form and supporting documentation to Lantra.

The FISS/CSCS form can be found on Lantra's website via the link below

<https://www.lantra.co.uk/fisscscs>

The form will need to be completed in sections A and B for the applicant and where necessary section C can be completed by the applicant's employer. Please tick all the relevant categories the applicant wishes to claim. There is a checklist on the reverse of the form which gives a guideline as to what supporting documentation needs to be supplied.

Supporting documentation will vary depending on the level and type of card applied for but can include:

- CITB Touchscreen Test Pass Certificate
- Level 1, 2, 3, 5 or 6 Qualification Certificates
- Health and Safety Course Certificate
- VRS Course Certificates
- Photograph of the Applicant

Please be aware that e-cards and updates will be available through Lantra's Online Ordering Portal (<https://ordering.lantra.co.uk/>) so please ensure that your **email details** are current so that you can be notified of any changes or updates to your e-card.

FISS/CSCS e-card prices

All FISS/CSCS e-cards are currently priced at £33.60 including VAT (£28 without VAT). Any cheques or postal orders should be made payable to Lantra. To pay by credit/debit card, please include your contact details to enable Lantra to pursue payment once the application is completed.

There are different fees for upgrading cards and issuing updates to cards which are all listed on the FISS/CSCS form, please refer to this form for the latest prices.

Upgrading FISS/CSCS Cards

There is an option to upgrade a FISS/CSCS card to a different level of FISS/CSCS card if the correct requirements are met. When FISS/CSCS cards are upgraded they maintain the original expiry date of the applicant's current card but a new card of a different colour/type/level is issued.

You may wish to upgrade your current physical smartcard to an e-card, which will be an electronic version of any FISS/CSCS card that you hold. E-cards are sent via the holder's email address so this must be supplied on application and Lantra will need to be notified if your email address changes so that any updates are sent to the correct address.

How to check FISS/CSCS Cards and e-Cards online

- To check online for physically issued smartcards, please use the Go Smart card checker – this checker allows you to check all hard copy CSCS partnership cards including FISS/CSCS cards online - <https://cardcheck.gosmart.co.uk/>
- To check electronically issued smartcards (e-cards), please use Lantra's Online Ordering Portal; <https://ording.lantra.co.uk/> or,
- The CSCS SmartCheck App; <https://www.cscs.uk.com/about/cscs-smart-check/> this website gives details of when the 'app' can be downloaded from and how cards can be checked across different platforms.

Reference documentation and supporting information

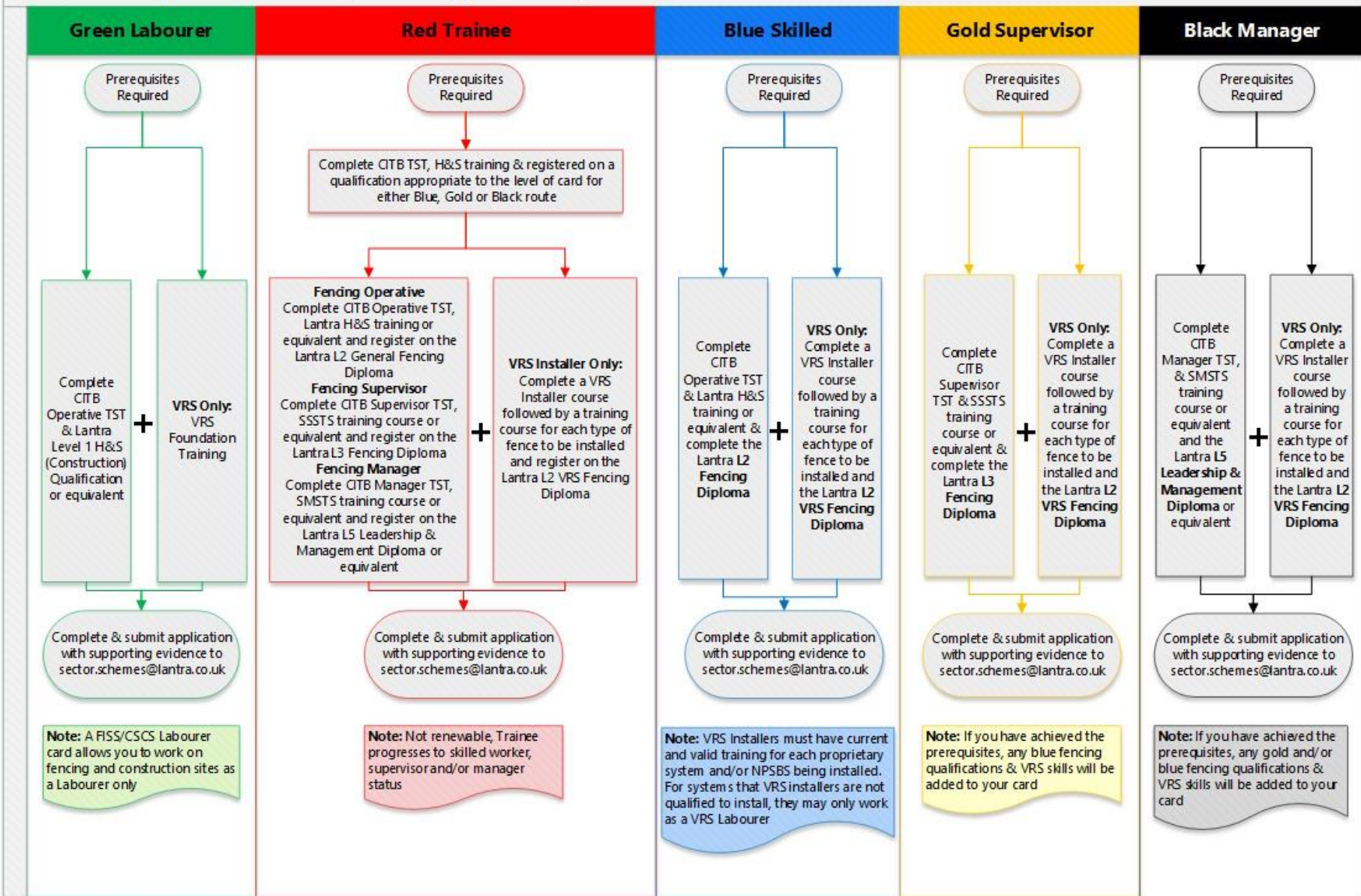
The links provided below are associated with the FISS/CSCS joint scheme and the FISS/CSCS Partnercard Scheme.

These links are correct at the time of publication (01 December 2022)

- Lantra website – FISS/CSCS application form and supporting information; <https://www.lantra.co.uk/fisscscs>
- Association of Fencing Industries (AFI), supporting information for FISS/CSCS cards and fencing contractors; <https://afiorg.uk/>
- National Highways Sector Schemes (NHSS) Schedule of Suppliers; List of relevant NHSS publications for General Fencing and Road Safety Barriers; <https://www.lantra.co.uk/schedule-suppliers>
- Lantra FISS/CSCS Card Checker; online card checker - https://www.lantra.co.uk/cscs_cards/search
- Construction Skills Register (CSR) online card checker; <https://secure.cefni.co.uk/CSRCard/OnlineCSRCardChecker.aspx>
- CSCS Website; <https://www.cscs.uk.com/>
- CITB Website for SSP Courses; <https://www.citb.co.uk/courses-and-qualifications/find-a-training-course/site-safety-plus-courses/>
- CITB Website for Touchscreen Tests; <https://www.citb.co.uk/courses-and-qualifications/hse-test-and-cards/>
- Go Smart Online Card Checker – Online card checker for various schemes including FISS/CSCS; <https://cardcheck.gosmart.co.uk>
- Build UK; <https://builduk.org/information/>

Appendix A1 Routes to approval (initial application flowchart)

FISS/CSCS approval routes (initial applications)



Appendix A1.1 Routes to approval (initial applications) additional information

CITB Touch Screen Tests (TST)

All TSTs and Health & Safety (H&S) training certificates MUST be no more than 2 years old on the date of initial application (or renewal applications).

AQP/PQP

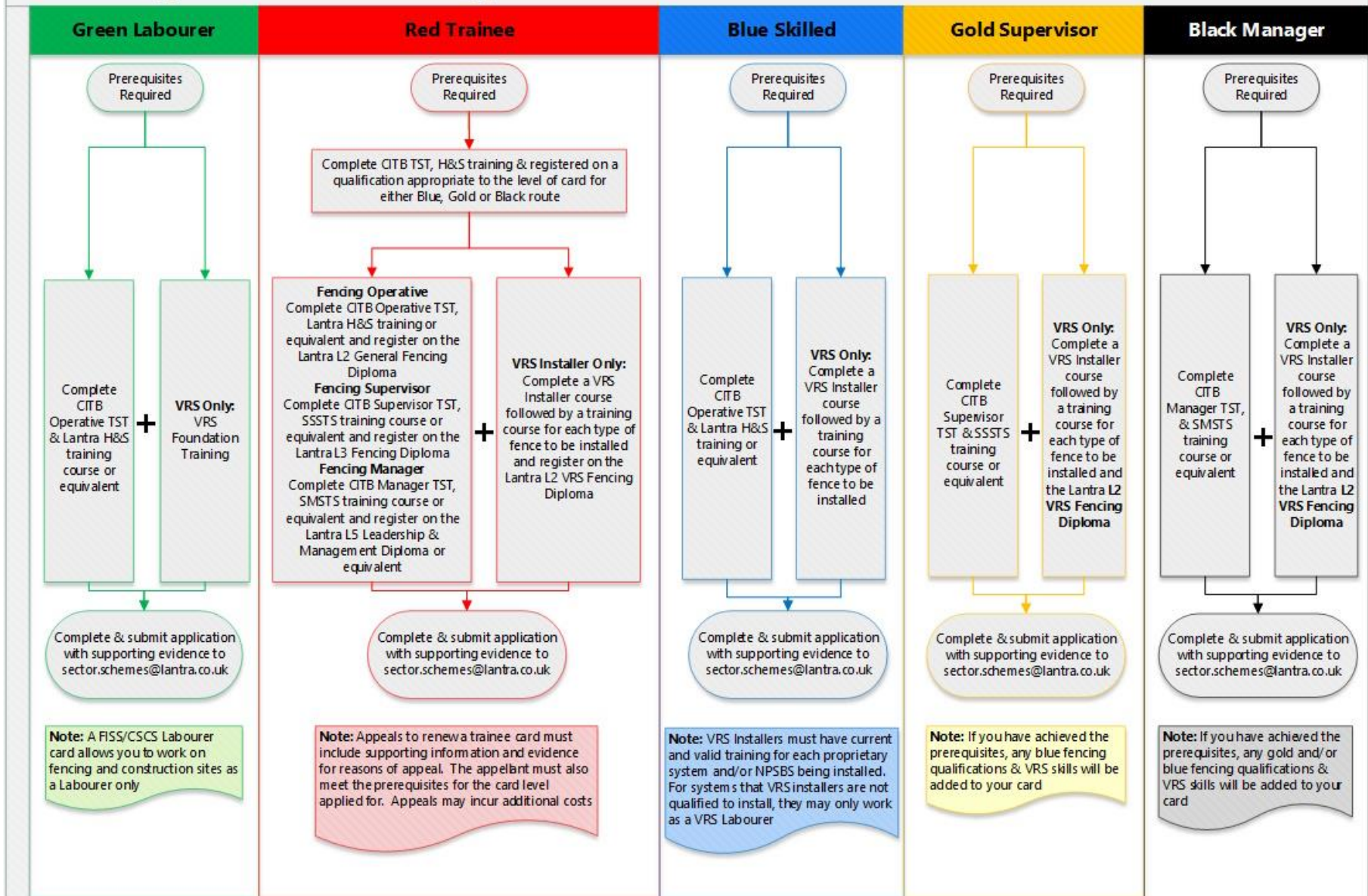
Academic or Professional routes are also available.

Contact Information

For more information contact Lantra: sector.schemes@lantra.co.uk or the Association of Fencing Industries: info@afiorg.uk, tel: 020 8253 4516

Appendix A2 Routes to approval (renewal application flowchart)

FISS/CSCS approval routes (renewal applications)



Appendix A2.2 Routes to approval (renewal applications) additional information

CITB Touch Screen Tests (TST)

All TSTs and Health & Safety (H&S) training certificates MUST be no more than 2 years old on the date of renewal application (or initial applications).

AQP/PQP

Academic or Professional routes are also available.

Industry Accreditation (IA)

IA categories of any level expire 31/12/2024, after this date you MUST complete the relevant Level 2, Level 3 or Level 5 qualification to maintain the level of card.

Contact Information

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