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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:

- Owned by FISS and endorsed by CSCS
- Managed and administered by Lantra

Fencing is a part of the construction industry. Fencing is specific to the installation of different types of fences, parapets, 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 cards are issued for the purpose of identifying qualified workers for 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 FISS/CSCS cards are managed, administrated, and issued by Lantra on behalf of the fencing industry, to provide an industry recognised level of competence for all personnel within fencing.

Lantra provides and maintains:

- A structured fencing 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 appliable to FISS/CSCS
- Procuring documentation for fencing industry committees (FISS, 2A, 2B/5B, 2C, and 10B)
- Approval and quality assurance of Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS) courses
- Approval of Training Providers to offer VRS courses
- Accurate records of applicants
- e-Cards and e-Certification to support recognition of skills
- Continual development and updating of fencing and health & safety training for industry purposes
- An online FISS e-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 but also the required Health, Safety & Environmental (HS&E) Tests to apply for different levels of FISS/CSCS cards.

**Disclaimer:** Currently the only cards recognised for working within the fencing industry are FISS/CSCS e-Cards; for clarification, no other cards are recognised

# 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 in:
- General Fencing Strained Systems
- General Fencing Non-Strained Systems
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Permanent
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Parapets
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Temporary
- Lantra Awards Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing
- Lantra Awards Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Landbased Settings

Lantra also provides health and safety courses for industry for both Green and Blue FISS 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 health, safety & environmental 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 health, safety & environmental tests and three types of health and safety course available as shown below:

## Health, Safety & Environment (HS&E) 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 (<u>https://builduk.org/information/</u>) under Training Standard. All health and safety courses and HS&E tests must be achieved within two years of all new and renewal card applications.

**Note:** In line with CSCS, Lantra will now offer the option below to give individuals the opportunity to align their H&S with their FISS card.

Short-term sacrifice: rather than issue a 5-year card, Lantra (FISS/CSCS) can issue a card that will coincide with the expiry date of the SSSTS, SMSTS or other accepted H&S courses.

## Important note:

SSSTS (Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme) courses can only be used to claim Blue and Gold FISS/CSCS cards.

SMSTS (Site Manager Safety Training Scheme) courses can only be used to claim Gold and Black FISS/CSCS cards.

## **FISS/CSCS Card Categories**

All fencing personnel entering controlled construction sites should have a FISS/CSCS Smart/e-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
- Red Card Experienced Worker (Only Valid Until The 31/12/2025)

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 three categories for each level of card:

- General Fencing
- Vehicle Restraint Systems (VRS)
- 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 HS&E tests must be achieved within two years of all new and renewal card applications.

# **Green Labourer FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card Requirements**



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Labourer/General Fencing Labourer/VRS Labourer		31/01/2023	31/01/2028	
Level 1 Health & Safety in a Construction Environment		31/01/2023	31/01/2028	



Green FISS/CSCS Smart/e-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 type card, you will need the following:

## New Green FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card:

## For all Green Smart/e-Cards

- CITB Operative HS&E 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 20 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 Smart/e-Card:

#### For all Green Smart/e-Cards

- CITB Operative HS&E 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 20 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 HS&E tests must be achieved within two years of all new card applications.

# **Red Trainee FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card Requirements**



Red FISS/CSCS Smart/e-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 type card, you will need the following:

## Red Trainee Installer FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card:

## For all Red Smart/e-Cards

- CITB Operative HS&E 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 20 on H&S making it work for you.
- Registered on a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification Lantra currently offer the following L2 Fencing Options:
- General Fencing
- General Fencing Strained Systems
- General Fencing Non-Strained Systems
- Vehicle Restraint Systems
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Permanent
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Parapets
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Temporary

## Additionally, for VRS Permanent & Parapet Only:

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

## **Red Trainee Supervisor FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card**

- CITB Supervisor HS&E Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- CITB Site Supervision Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) See Page 20 on H&S making it work for you.
- Registered on a Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification

## Red Trainee Manager FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

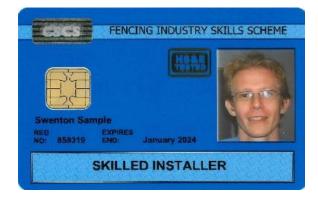
- CITB Managers and Professionals HS&E Test (within 2 Years of application)
- CITB Site Manager Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Registered on a Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Landbased Settings Qualification\*

\*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. Any qualification accepted by CITB/CSCS for Black CSCS cards will be accepted for Black FISS/CSCS cards.

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

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

# Blue Skilled Worker FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card Requirements





Blue FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Cards are for all types of fencing installers who prepare and install different fencing and barrier systems on construction sites.

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

## New Blue General Fencing FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

- CITB Operative HS&E 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 20 on H&S making it work for you.
- Completed a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification in:
- General Fencing
- General Fencing Strained Systems
- General Fencing Non-Strained Systems

## New Blue VRS Fencing FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

- CITB Operative HS&E 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 Qualification in:
- Vehicle Safety Fencing
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Permanent
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Parapets
- An in date VRS Installer course
- An in date VRS Proprietary or NPSBS course

## New Blue Temporary VRS Fencing FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

- CITB Operative HS&E 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 Restraint Systems Temporary
- An in date Temporary VRS course

## Renewal of Blue FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card:

## For all Blue Smart/e-Cards:

- CITB Operative HS&E 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 can 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 HS&E 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 (<u>https://builduk.org/information/</u>) under Training Standard.

# Gold Supervisor FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card Requirements





Gold FISS/CSCS Smart/e-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 type card, you will need the following:

## New Gold FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

- CITB Supervisory HS&E Test (or higher within 2 years of application)
- CITB Site Supervision Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) See Page 20 on H&S making it work for you.
- Completed a Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification

## Renewal of Gold FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

- CITB Supervisory HS&E 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 categories and courses on your Gold Supervisor FISS/CSCS card if the Blue FISS/CSCS card requirements are met.

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

# Black Manager FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card Requirements





Black FISS/CSCS Smart/e-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 type card, you will need the following:

## New Black FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

- CITB Managers and Professionals HS&E Test (within 2 years of application)
- CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application) See Page 20 on H&S making it work for you.
- Completed a Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Land-based Settings Qualification\*

## Renewal of Black FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card

- CITB Managers and Professionals HS&E 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 categories on your FISS/CSCS card if the requirements for each category of FISS/CSCS 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. Any qualification accepted by CITB/CSCS for Black CSCS cards will be accepted for Black FISS/CSCS cards.

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

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



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Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (VRS)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (General)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
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Fencing Installer VRS (Industry Accreditation)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fenoing Level 3 NVQ		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Level 3 SVQ		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Manager (Indus	try Accreditation)	31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Supervisor (Indu	ustry Accreditation)	31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
FISS Health & Safety Trained		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
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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 qualifications and evidence of the units achieved within the qualification.

All applicants must pass the <u>CITB Managers and Professionals Health, Safety and Environment</u> <u>Test</u>

Please note that you can have any of the listed Blue Skilled Installer, Gold Supervisor and Black Manager categories on your AQP FISS/CSCS card if the requirements for each other type of FISS/CSCS card are met.

This card is valid for five years.

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



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Skill		Award Date	Expiry Date	
Fencing Installer General (Industry Accreditation)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (General)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Installer Level 2 NVQ (VRS)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (General)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Installer Level 2 SVQ (VRS)		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Installer VRS (In	dustry Accreditation)	31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Level 3 NVQ		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Level 3 SVQ		31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Manager (Indus	try Accreditation)	31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
Fencing Supervisor (Indu	ustry Accreditation)	31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
FISS Health & Safety Tra	ained	31/07/2020	31/07/2025	
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This card is available to competently assessed members of a fencing related Professional Body.

All applicants must pass the <u>CITB Managers and Professionals Health, Safety and Environment</u> <u>Test</u>.

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:

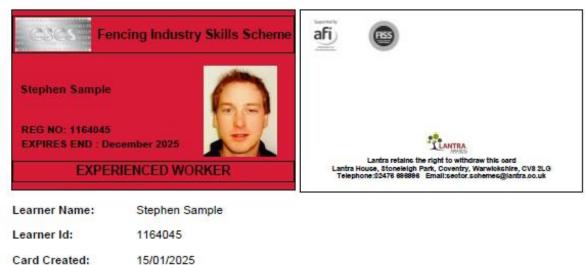
- A membership certificate
- A membership card (both sides)
- An up-to-date letter or email from the professional body
- Must provide supporting evidence that membership has been achieved via a qualification achieved in a fencing context

The above evidence must show membership for the current year.

Please note that you can have any of the listed Blue Skilled Installer, Gold Supervisor and Black Manager categories on your PQP FISS/CSCS card if the requirements for each other type of FISS/CSCS card are met.

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.

## **Red Experienced Worker FISS/CSCS e-Card and Upgrade Requirements**



Card Last Updated: 15/01/2025 31/12/2025

Card Expiry Date:

Learner Id: 1164045

#### Learner Name: Stephen Sample

Skill	Award Date	Expiry Date
Experienced Worker working towards Level 2 Diploma - Fencing Vehicle Safety	31/12/2020	31/12/2025
Experienced Worker working towards Level 2 Diploma - General Fencing	31/12/2020	31/12/2025
Experienced Worker working towards Level 2 Diploma - General Fencing (Non-strained Systems)	31/12/2020	31/12/2025
Experienced Worker working towards Level 2 Diploma - General Fencing (Strained Systems)	31/12/2020	31/12/2025
Experienced Worker working towards Level 2 Diploma - Vehicle Restraint Systems (Parapets)	31/12/2020	31/12/2025
Experienced Worker working towards Level 2 Diploma - Vehicle Restraint Systems (Permanent)	31/12/2020	31/12/2025
Experienced Worker working towards Level 2 Diploma - Vehicle Restraint Systems (Temporary)	31/12/2020	31/12/2025
Experienced Worker working towards Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing	31/12/2020	31/12/2025

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Red Experienced Worker e-Cards are for fencing Industry Accreditation (IA) holders transitioning to full qualification. This can be for General Fencing, Permanent Vehicle Restraint Systems, Parapet Vehicle Restraint Systems, Temporary Vehicle Restraint Systems, Fencing Supervisors and Fencing Mangers.

To successfully apply for a Red Experienced Worker type card, you will need the following:

## New Red Experienced Worker FISS/CSCS e-Card category type requirements:

## For a General Fencing Category FISS/CSCS e-Card

- Have previously held Industry Accreditation in Fencing Installer General
- CITB Operative HS&E Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environment Course Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Be registered on a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification in:
- General Fencing
- General Fencing Strained Systems
- General Fencing Non-Strained Systems

## For a VRS Permanent Fencing FISS/CSCS e-Card

- Have previously held Industry Accreditation in Fencing Installer VRS or Parapet Installer
- CITB Operative HS&E Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environment Course Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Be registered on a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification in:
- Vehicle Safety Fencing
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Permanent
- An in date VRS Installer course
- An in date VRS Proprietary or NPSBS course

## For a VRS Parapet FISS/CSCS e-Card

- Have previously held Industry Accreditation in Fencing Installer VRS or Parapet Installer
- CITB Operative HS&E Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environment Course Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Be registered on a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification in:
- Vehicle Safety Fencing
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Parapet
- An in date VRS Installer course
- An in date VRS Proprietary parapet course

## For a Temporary VRS Fencing FISS/CSCS e-Card

- Have previously held Industry Accreditation in Temporary VRS Installer
- CITB Operative HS&E Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- Lantra Awards Health, Safety & Environment Course Fencing (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Be registered on a Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification in:
- Vehicle Restraint Systems Temporary
- An in date Temporary VRS course

## For a Supervisor Category Red e-Card

- Have previously held Industry Accreditation in Fencing Supervisor
- CITB Supervisor HS&E Test (or higher within 2 Years of application)
- CITB Site Supervision Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Be registered on a Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Fencing Qualification

## For a Manager Category Red e-Card

- Have previously held Industry Accreditation in Fencing Manager
- CITB Managers and Professionals HS&E Test (within 2 Years of application)
- CITB Site Manager Safety Training Scheme (or an equivalent within 2 years of application)
- Be registered on a Level 5 Diploma in Principles of Leadership and Management in Landbased Settings Qualification (or an equivalent)

You can apply for multiple categories on the same Experienced Worker card as long as you have met the requirements for each category applied for.

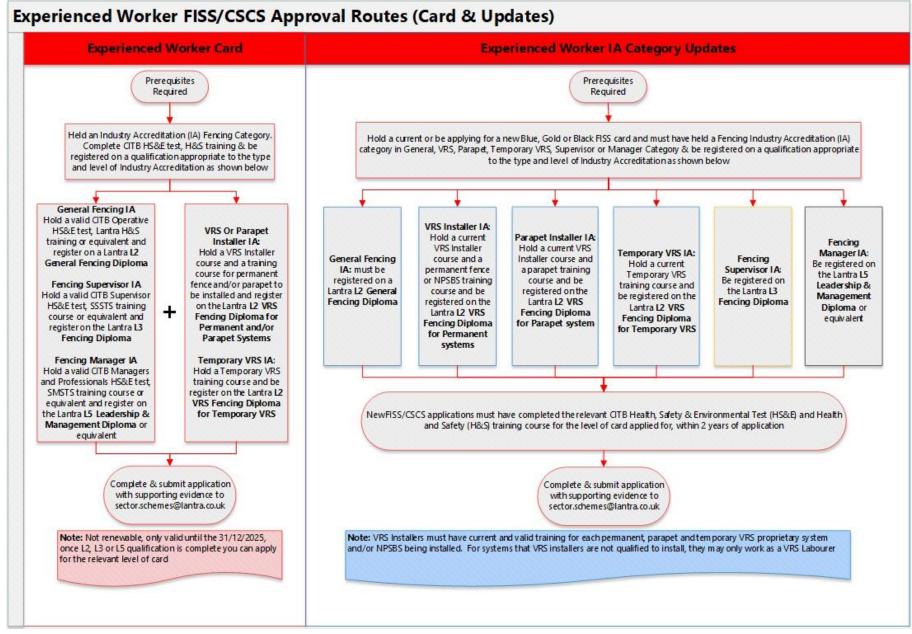
Please note that all red Experience Worker categories and e-Cards are only valid until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2025 and cannot be renewed beyond this date. All candidates are expected to complete the qualifications they are registered on within this timeframe and they can then apply for the level of FISS/CSCS card applicable to the qualification(s) completed.

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

If you are an existing Blue, Gold or Black FISS/CSCS card holder who held other Industry Accreditation categories where you are fully qualified in other categories (i.e. hold a L3 Fencing Diploma and held Industry Accreditation in Fencing Installer VRS or hold a L2 Fencing Diploma for VRS and held Industry Accreditation in Fencing Installer General), then you can apply for an Experienced Worker category to added to your existing card for those qualification you are registered on.

The rules surrounding these upgrades to existing cards are the same apart from not having to have health and safety courses in place and are explained in the application flowchart on the next page.

## **Red Experienced Worker FISS/CSCS Application Routes**



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# 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: <u>https://builduk.org/members/contractor-members/</u> 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

  Qualification in Health, Safety and Environmental in a Construction Environment
   601/1222/0, at initial registration only can be found on the CSCS
   website <a href="https://www.cscs.uk.com/hsce/">https://www.cscs.uk.com/hsce/</a>

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 Smart/e-Card:

To apply for any of the available FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Cards you must 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 HS&E 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 (<u>https://ordering.lantra.co.uk/</u>) so please ensure that your <u>email details</u> are current so that you can be notified of any changes or updates to your e-Card.

## FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card prices

There are different fees for issuing smartcards, e-Cards, upgrading the level of card and electronic updates to cards which are all listed on the FISS/CSCS form, please refer to this form for the latest prices.

## Upgrading FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Cards

There is an option to upgrade an existing FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card to a different level of FISS/CSCS Smart/e-Card if the correct requirements are met. When FISS/CSCS Smart/e-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 Smartcard 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 Smartcards and e-Cards online

- To check any e-Cards issued, please use Lantra's website <u>https://www.lantra.co.uk/LantraCardChecker</u> or if you own a card you can access or download it from Lantra's Online Ordering Portal; <u>https://ording.lantra.co.uk/</u> or,
- The CSCS SmartCheck App; <u>https://www.cscs.uk.com/about/cscs-smart-check/</u> this website gives details of where the 'app' can be downloaded from and how cards can be checked across different platforms and mobile devices.

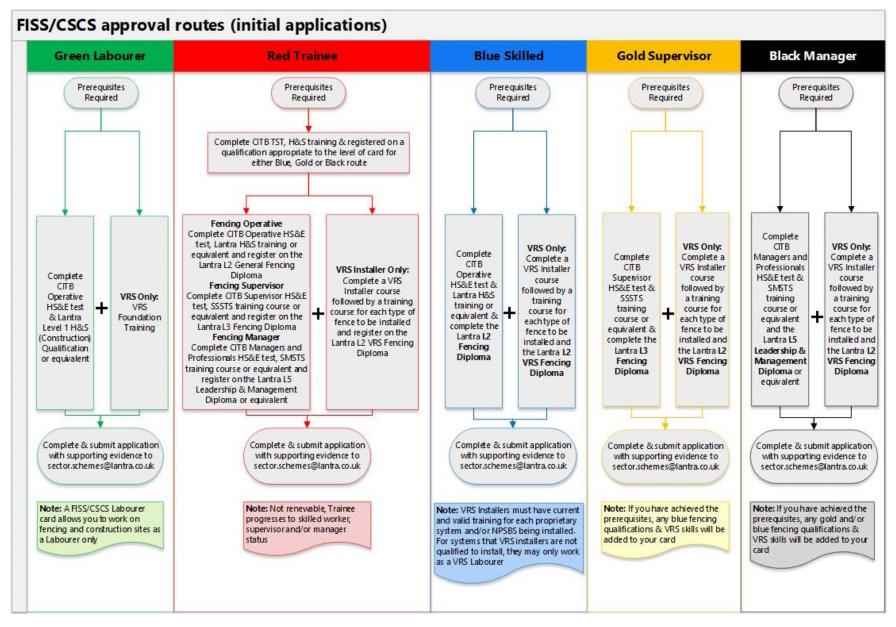
# **Reference Documentation and Supporting Information**

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

These links are correct at the time of publication (January 2025)

- Lantra website FISS/CSCS application form and supporting information; <u>https://www.lantra.co.uk/fisscscs</u>
- Association of Fencing Industries (AFI), supporting information for FISS/CSCS cards and fencing contractors; <u>https://afiorg.uk/</u>
- National Highways Sector Schemes (NHSS) Schedule of Suppliers; List of relevant NHSS publications for General Fencing and Road Safety Barriers; <u>https://www.lantra.co.uk/national-highway-sector-schemes-nhss/schedule-of-suppliers</u>
- Lantra FISS/CSCS Card Checker; online card checker -<u>https://www.lantra.co.uk/LantraCardChecker</u>
- Construction Skills Register (CSR) online card checker; <u>https://secure.cefni.co.uk/CSRCard/OnlineCSRCardChecker.aspx</u>
- CSCS Website; <u>https://www.cscs.uk.com/</u>
- CITB Website for SSP Courses; <a href="https://www.citb.co.uk/courses-and-qualifications/find-a-training-course/site-safety-plus-courses/">https://www.citb.co.uk/courses-and-qualifications/find-a-training-course/site-safety-plus-courses/</a>
- CITB Website for HS&E Tests; <u>https://www.citb.co.uk/courses-and-qualifications/hse-test-and-cards/</u>
- CSCS Website for obtaining the CSCS SmartCheck App; <u>https://www.cscs.uk.com/about/cscs-smart-check/</u>
- Build UK website; <u>https://builduk.org/information/</u>

# Appendix A1 Routes to Approval (Initial Application Flowchart)



## Appendix A1.1 Routes to Approval (Initial Applications) Additional Information

## CITB Health, Safety & Environmental (HS&E) Tests

All HS&E tests and Health & Safety (H&S) training certificates MUST be no more than 2 years old on the date the initial applications (or renewal applications) are received.

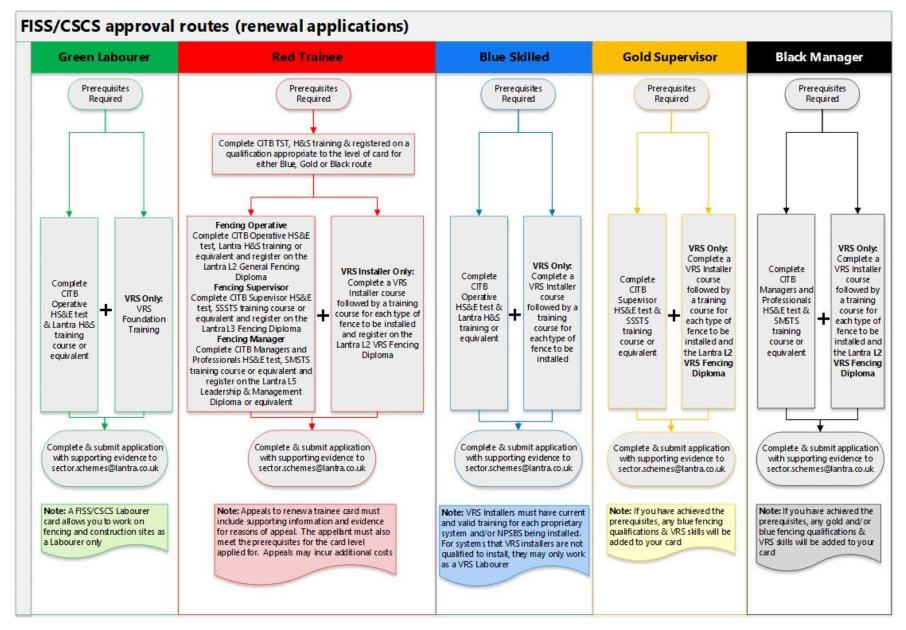
## AQP/PQP

Academic or Professional routes are also available.

## **Contact Information**

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

# Appendix A2 Routes to Approval (Renewal Application Flowchart)



## Appendix A2.2 Routes to Approval (Renewal Applications) Additional Information

## CITB Health, Safety & Environmental (HS&E) Tests

All HS&E tests and Health & Safety (H&S) training certificates <u>MUST</u> be no more than 2 years old on the date the renewal applications (or initial applications) are received.

## 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 <u>MUST</u> have either completed the relevant qualification or be registered on the appropriate Level 2, Level 3 or Level 5 qualification and apply for an Experienced Worker category or card.

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