



Fencing Industry Skills Scheme / Construction Skills Certification Scheme

Information Booklet



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FISS/CSCS Card Scheme

Introduction

Fencing Organisations are responsible for the installation of different types of fences, gates and barriers, across a broad cross-section of different environments from domestic and agricultural, through to commercial, industrial, high security and infrastructure (e.g. highways, rail and utilities).

The areas within fencing are:

- General fencing
- Perimeter security systems
- Vehicle restraint systems
- Gates, doors and barriers

With the diversity of the industry, there are a wide range of career opportunities. All involved work to detailed specifications and standards to ensure correct and safe installation. Dependent on their role they must have the ability to work as directed under supervision and/or be able to read and understand specifications and plans, prepare sites and select relevant materials to carry out installation, maintenance or repairs to meet the relevant contract requirements. The work will include using a wide variety of materials, tools and machinery.

In recognition of this the fencing industry came together to develop a skills card scheme Fencing Industry Skills Card (FISS) supported by qualifications and health and safety training at different levels dependent on your role.

The Fencing Industry Skills Scheme (FISS) is supported by the Construction Skills Certification Scheme Ltd (CSCS) as required by the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) under the Industrial Strategy: Construction 2025 as contracted with CSCS.

The Construction 2025 strategy identified the need for a single logo across the construction industry for skills cards and agreed that the common card scheme logo would be CSCS. This provides clients, employers and contractors with a consistent means of recognising that an individual has achieved the agreed standard of qualification and skill in the occupation they are working in and to give the industry confidence in that brand. For more information on the CLC strategy click [here](#).

For more information on the background to the Scheme click [here](#).

Make sure you get the right health and safety training for your card, for details on the BuildUK Training Standard click [here](#).

Frequently asked questions click [here](#).

For Industry Accreditation click [here](#).

Know what you are doing - download the FISS/CSCS application form [here](#).

Free Card Checkers

Check a FISS/CSCS issued by Lantra click [here](#).

Check a FISS/CSCS issued by CITB click [here](#).

Read the Smart Card App

In order to read a smart card, you will need to use a card reader, mobile phone or tablet device with the 'Go Smart' software installed. Download the **free** app from the following link [here](#).

See next page for how to renew and/or apply for your initial FISS/CSCS Card.

FISS CSCS - renewals



If you are an existing card holder looking to renew click [here](#) for further information

Categories of Card for Initial Application - What type of card do I need?

- Where you install fencing, you will need a Blue Installer Card
- Where you assist an Installer (who holds a Blue Installer Card) you can be a Labourer to him/her and hold a Green Labourer Card
- Where you supervise the installation, you will need a Gold Supervisor Card
- Where you manage the installation/company you will need a Black Manager Card
- If you do not currently hold a card there is an optional Red Trainee route. **Note:** most people tend to retain their existing card whilst working towards another level



Green Card

Labourer /General Fencing Labourer/VRS Labourer

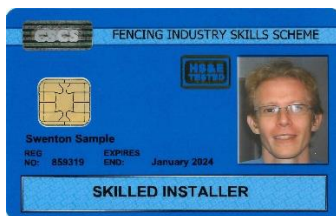
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Red Card

Trainee

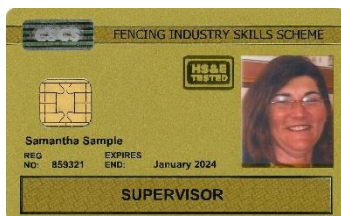
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Blue Card

Skilled Installer

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Gold Card

Supervisory Level

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Black Card

Management Level

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