

LISS/CSCS Grandfather Rights set to end this month

The final countdown has begun for companies who want to obtain their LISS/CSCS cards before the grandfather rights end.

Since May 2011, anyone working on the highways has needed to obtain a LISS/CSCS card in order to comply with the requirements of National Highways Agency Sector Scheme 18 For the Environment and Landscape including Ecology (NHSS18).

As well as those companies obtaining LISS/CSCS cards for their staff in order to comply with NHSS18, a large number of companies have recognised the benefits of being able to demonstrate that staff have received training relevant to the industry sector.

Until 31/10/13 it is still possible to obtain LISS/CSCS via the industry accreditation (or "grandfather rights") route, provided that staff have undertaken and passed the Register of Landbased Operatives (ROLO) course and have successfully completed a CSCS touchscreen test appropriate to their grade. Managers

have been able to sign off staff as being competent in those areas. After that date however, it will be necessary to provide alternative evidence of competence by undertaking a relevant NVQ or diploma, which is likely to increase the cost of obtaining a LISS/CSCS card per learner by an estimated £1,500 to £2,500.

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There is still time to undertake the ROLO course. For details of BALI approved training providers see www.bali.org.uk/images/pages/quality_assurance_rolo_faq/1367327628ROLO_Training_Providers_May_2013.pdf, but demand is high, with many companies seemingly leaving it until the last possible moment to obtain their cards.

CSCS touchscreen tests can be undertaken at Test Centres around the UK. See www.citb.co.uk/Cards-testing/Health-Safety-environment-test/booking-test/ for details of how to book the tests.

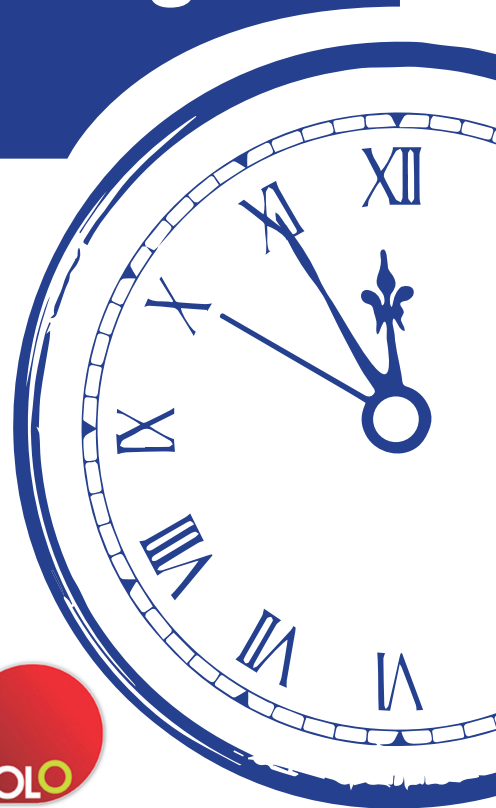
Don't forget...

Deadline: 31 October 2013

To obtain LISS/CSCS via the industry accreditation – "grandfather rights" – route

Staff must:

- Have undertaken and passed the ROLO course
- Have completed a CSCS touchscreen test



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