

ECS CARD CHANGES

from 01 August 2018

	SITE VISITOR	LABOURER	RELATED DISCIPLINE	MANAGER	SITE SUPPORT
What is changing?	From 01 August 2018 this card will no longer be issued for new applications. If you already hold this card, you will not be able to renew it from 01 January 2019 .	From 01 August 2018 if you have not held this card before, you will have to meet the requirements below as part of the application process. If you already hold this card, from 01 January 2019 you will need to meet the new criteria, as shown below, before you can renew.		From 01 October 2018 if you have not held this card before, you will have to meet the requirements below as part of the application process. If you already hold this card, from 01 January 2019 you will need to meet the new criteria, as shown below, before you can renew.	This is a new card being introduced from 01 August 2018 .
What are my options if I want to apply for this type of card?	If all you are doing is visiting a site, you don't need a specific visitor card. If you are on the site for a particular purpose in relation to electrical work, you will need the card that's relevant to your occupation.	You will have to meet the requirements for the new style of card, as detailed below.	A new Site Support Discipline card will be introduced for personnel that support a contract - see the next column for more details. If you do not fall under the occupations listed as a Site Support Discipline, you will need to meet the requirements of the new ECS Related Discipline card.	You will have to meet the requirements for the new style of card, as detailed below.	You can apply for this card if your occupation involves supporting a contract such as: Design Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, Commissioning Engineer, IT Manager, H&S Manager, CAD Engineer.
What are the new requirements for this card?		You will have to provide evidence you are working as an Electrical Labourer with an electrical company and hold either: ONE of the following qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCNSG Safety Passport - National Course or Renewal Course • IOSH Working Safely - (IOSH Approved Centre Classroom Invigilated Exam ONLY) • Safety Passport Alliance (SPA) Core H & S Course <i>These qualifications are accepted as a 3-year exemption from the ECS HS&E Assessment. If you have gained one of these qualifications within the last three years, you will not need to sit the ECS assessment separately when you apply for the new style of card, until the next point of renewal.</i> OR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a JIB-approved electrical theory qualification and the ECS HS&E Assessment. 	The requirements are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the achievement of a new ECS Electrical Safety Unit Test • evidence of sector specific training from the employer or a relevant single stand-alone qualification in the electrotechnical discipline of the card to be issued. • The ECS HS&E Assessment 	Applies to: <i>Electrical Site Manager / Electrical Contract Manager / Site Manager / Project Manager / Contract Manager</i> Applicants will have to hold ONE of the following qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Skills (CITB) Site Supervisor Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS) • IOSH Managing Safely in Construction • CITB Site Management Safety Training Scheme (SMSTS) • CCNSG Safety Passport - Supervising / Leading a team Safety Course <i>These qualifications are accepted as a 3-year exemption from the ECS HS&E Assessment. If you have gained one of these qualifications within the last three years, you will not need to sit the ECS assessment separately when you apply for the new style of card, until the next point of renewal.</i>	Applicants will have to hold ONE of the following qualifications to make an initial application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCNSG Safety Passport - National Course or Renewal Course • IOSH Working Safely - (IOSH Approved Centre Classroom Invigilated Exam ONLY) • Safety Passport Alliance (SPA) Core H & S Course <i>These qualifications are accepted as a 3-year exemption from the ECS HS&E Assessment. If you have gained one of these qualifications within the last three years, you will not need to sit the ECS assessment separately when you apply for the new style of card, until the next point of renewal.</i>
Why is this changing?	These changes have been introduced so that ECS can continue to meet Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) partnership criteria, following the announcement by the Construction Leadership Council that nationally-recognised qualifications should be in place for all construction-related occupations by 2020. The decision to withdraw the Site Visitor card is in alignment with CSCS and the Construction Leadership Council's recent announcement that not everyone needs a card to gain access to site and cards should only be issued to those working in construction related occupations.				